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NATION-WIDE RAILROAD STRIKE IS CALLED

Canadian Force Reported Battling Nazis in Ortona, Main Adriatic Objective

One Counterattack Turned Back after Breakthrough from Two Sides; Americans Consolidate Positions on Mount Spinuccio; Fortresses and Liberators Battered Strategic Targets in Southern Europe

By JOSEPH E. DYNAN

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS, Dec. 21 (AP)—Canadian troops and tanks have fought their way from two sides into the outskirts of the German stronghold of Ortona on the Italian Adriatic coast and are engaged in street fighting with Nazi defenders barricaded within the battered village, reports from the fighting front said tonight.

The breakthrough into the hotly-contested town, before which Canadian forces have been held up for a fortnight by strong German resistance, was preceded by a heavy artillery bombardment which cut a path through the heavily mined approaches yesterday afternoon.

William Stewart, Canadian press correspondent at the front, reported:

"The Canadians established themselves in the southern side of the town before dark and brought up supporting weapons. The enemy attempted one counter-attack, but it was turned back."

Is Important Port

Ortona, only eleven miles below the important port of Pescara, has been a main objective of Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's drive up the Adriatic coast. Its fall would open the main eastern anchor of the German winter line.

German forces, meanwhile, were reported running critically short of ammunition as American troops consolidated their positions on snow-covered Mount Spinuccio, which the Allied command announced was captured yesterday in a two-and-one-half-mile advance west of Filiogano.

Heavy Flying Fortresses and Liberators of the Fifteenth American Air Force flew for the fourth straight day to batter strategic targets deep in Southern Europe.

The big bombers, punching their way through multiple German fighter screens, left acres of smoking wreckage both in the railroad yards at Sofia, Bulgaria, and on Eleusis airfield at Athens, Greece. They and their fighter escorts shot down twenty-eight Nazi interceptors, leaving to seventy-one the number of enemy fighters certainly destroyed by them in the past two days. Nine American planes were missing from the Sofia and Eleusis missions.

Fighting American infantry, which has been ceaselessly attacking for several days, swarmed up 2,600-foot Mount Spinuccio under severe conditions. All mountains in the area west of Venafro, where the Fifth Army is driving northwestward in its apparent effort to flank the German stronghold of Cassino, are covered with snow.

Fifth Army Advances
There was no report of the Fifth (Continued on Page 5, Col. 4)

Chinese Recapture Four Strongholds

CHUNGKING, Dec. 21 (AP)—Chinese troops have recaptured four important Japanese strongholds north of Tungting lake, the high command announced today, and apparently have regained control of the rice bowl region south of the river except for a few isolated pockets of resistance.

Linsen, Manhsien, Ansiang and Wanshih, all of which had been held by the enemy as forward bases for the frustrated offensive against Changteh, were the towns the Chinese reported taken. All had been under several days of direct siege by the Chinese and repeated bombing by the Fourteenth United States Air Force.

Closest, biggest of the four bases and an advantageous highway and river center less than sixty miles from the Yangtze river port of Suat, fell this morning along with nearby Tsingshih.

The recapture of Ansiang had been completed Sunday evening and Wanshih late today, the communiqué said. Both are key towns on the northern shore of Tungting lake, more than forty miles northeast of Changteh.

Following taking of these towns the Chinese continued their drive northwestward and a supplementary communiqué said that some units had reached the vicinity of Hwajung, half way between Nansien and the Yangtze.

NAZI TROOPS IN ZHITOMIR, GERMANS SAY



THIS GERMAN PICTURE WAS SERVICED BY THE SWEDISH PICTURE AGENCY PRESSENS BILD IN STOCKHOLM WITH CAPTION SAYING IT SHOWS GERMAN SOLDIERS PENETRATING INTO ONE OF THE BURNING STREETS OF ZHITOMIR, RUSSIA. Zhitomir was reportedly recaptured by the Germans in their counter-offensive in the Kiev bulge. (Picture by radio from Stockholm to New York).

Yugoslav Forces Take Offensive On Broad Front

Drive Is Described as One of the Great Campaigns of War

By WILLIAM SMITH WHITE

LONDON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Fighting in close liaison with Allied military representatives, the Yugoslav Partisan Army of Marshal Josip Broz (Tito) announced today that it was on the offensive against Axis forces—estimated at twelve German and satellite divisions—on a wide front extending from Croatia southward to the border region of Montenegro and Serbia.

Tonight the German and the Axis-controlled Croat radios heard in Cairo claimed the capture of Jajce, a Bosnian town described as Tito's headquarters, and said that Tito and his government were fleeing, pursued by Germans. The Axis report, which had no confirmation and was not heard elsewhere, said Jajce was captured Sunday.

Heavy Weapons Needed

A Tito communiqué telling of the widespread seizure of the initiative by his forces—carrying on a drive completely described here as one of the great campaigns of the war—was accompanied by an announcement of the completion of a group of American, British and Russian officers who have been added to his staff.

The Partisans, it can be said definitely now, have an army of 250,000 or more men regularly organized in divisions and corps but handicapped by a lack of heavy weapons. They are guided, however, by one of the ablest military intelligence systems functioning in Europe.

This army and the Partisans working behind it in Russian guerrilla fashion have broken six successive offensives.

In addition they are conducting hit-and-run operations against an additional three or four Nazi divisions to the north and over the frontiers of Italy. Thus the activities of the Partisans are tying up better than 200,000 Nazi first line troops.

British and American staff officers already had completed secret talks with Tito's men and the Russians were reported to have arrived at his headquarters during the day to take up their share of the job.

This gathering of force in Tito's (Continued on Page 11, Col. 4)

PORK CHOP DIVIDEND DECLARED BY OPA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—The Office of Price Administration declared a pork chop dividend tonight. It designated spare ration stamp No. 1 in Ration Book Number 4, as good for an extra five points in the purchase of pork.

The order, effective at midnight tonight, was issued to meet rapidly-mounting pressure on the hog markets and storage facilities where swine and meat were piling up without enough takers.

The extra points are good only until midnight Sunday, Jan. 2.

OPA said the temporary validation of a special stamp for extra pork provided "the simplest and most effective manner for getting the unexpectedly large civilian supply of pork into the hands of the housewife." Chester Bowles, OPA administrator, said the housewife may use the spare stamp only for the purchase of pork.

OPA reported that surveys indicate the average person spends between eleven and twelve of the individual's sixteen weekly ration points for meat. With the loans and other choice cuts of pork at four points, a family of five using the new spare stamp one temporarily will be able to buy about twenty pounds a week. Of the cheaper cuts, such as shoulders, the family could buy about forty pounds a week.

The special pork stamp is available only to housewives and other individuals holding ration book four. OPA said it was not practical to make similar provision for restaurants, hotels and others under the institutional rationing program.

The spare stamp is good for all pork items including cured bacon and ham.

Earlier Senator Gillette (D-Ia) had reported war mobilization Director James F. Byrnes as "very favorable" to his suggestion for temporary removal of all rationing restrictions on pork but no such summary action had been expected in other quarters.

Associated Press Correspondent Wounded

LONDON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Lynn Heinzerling, Associated Press war correspondent with the British Eighth Army, suffered a wound today in the fighting in which the German counterattack, the Russians said today, began with large forces hurled into a narrow sector seeking a breakthrough with one blow. After a day's fighting in which the Germans were repulsed, the enemy lost 1,000 killed, 3,000 wounded and forty-two tanks.

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100 More Towns Are Captured By Soviet Army

Kill 1,600 Germans in Reaching to within 20 Miles of Vitebsk

By JAMES M. LONG

LONDON, Wednesday, Dec. 22 (AP)—Russia's Baltic army, storming down from Novol toward the Vitebsk-Polotsk rail line, has captured more than 100 populated places, killed 1,600 Germans and reached to within twenty miles of the German defense bastion of Vitebsk—now menaced from two sides—Moscow announced today.

At the same time the Russians announced the liquidation of a German bridgehead on the south bank of the Dnieper across from Kherston, near the great river's mouth.

More than 2,000 Germans were killed in the three-day battle that wrecked twenty-one of their tanks, seventy-eight artillery pieces and cost them in addition great stores of war material and numerous prisoners.

Germans Renew Attacks

Besides these two Russian victories, the front was blazing in other areas along the 800-mile battle line.

The Moscow midnight communiqué, recorded by the Soviet Monitor from a broadcast, said the Germans had lashed out in an important counterattack in the Zhitomir area of White Russia while the Nazi counteroffensive in the area west of Kiev, underway for weeks, took on new momentum.

The more northerly German drive was apparently in the area between Zhitomir and the Berezina river, where the Russians had been reported in a new attack a week ago. Gen. Constantine Rokossovsky was said by the Germans to be using 100,000 troops and two tank brigades in this push. The German counterattack, the Russians said today, began with large forces hurled into a narrow sector seeking a breakthrough with one blow.

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Morgenthau's Criticism of Tax Bill Draws Fire

Sen. George Has "No Apology" for Failure To Reach Goal

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Senator George (D-Ga.) tonight issued a scathing reply to Secretary Morgenthau's criticism of the new tax bill and particularly its war contract renegotiation law amendments, declaring:

"Mr. Morgenthau knows nothing about the renegotiation of contracts and less about how it is actually administered."

George, chairman of the Senate Finance committee which completed work on the \$2,275,000,000 bill today, said he had "no apology" for the failure to reach Morgenthau's goal of \$10,500,000,000 additional revenue.

Further, he defended the proposed freeze of social security tax rates at one per cent each on employers and employees throughout 1944, saying there is no justification for increasing the rates at this time.

Press Conference Called

Morgenthau told a press conference yesterday that the amendments to the renegotiation law proposed by the Senate committee would open the door to "truly extortionate profits" by war contractors.

George called a press conference to reply.

He declared Morgenthau's denunciation of the renegotiation sections, came "with exceeding bad grace," that the secretary had "failed to take a position on renegotiation and had offered no suggestions or recommendations."

"Mr. Morgenthau not only has failed to take appropriate steps to protect the revenue," George said, "but has been of no help at all to the Finance committee concerning renegotiation since it was absorbed into the revenue law."

"As a matter of fact, the renegotiation of contracts law is far more workable under the Senate amendments than it has been at any time heretofore."

Amendments Criticized

Morgenthau had been particularly critical of amendments which exempt from renegotiation all contracts for "standard commercial articles," and the retroactive exemption of subcontracts where the goods do not enter into the final product.

Said George:

"The committee believed that with more than two years having passed since Pearl Harbor, the procurement officers of the army, navy and other departments should be able to make ordinary contracts for standard articles and certainly should be able to protect themselves on the price."

10 Ordnance Plant Employees Indicted

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21 (AP)—A federal grand jury today indicted ten employees and former employees of the St. Louis ordnance plant on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government in the packing and shipment of small arms ammunition which, it was alleged, had not been properly inspected.

Following the return of the indictments, United States District Attorney Harry C. Blanton filed a civil suit against the United States Cartridge Company, a subsidiary of the Western Cartridge Company, which operates the plant.

The suit asked judgment of \$2,000 for each unlawful act alleged to have been committed and, in addition, double the damages sustained by the government. The amount of the damages, Blanton stated, was unknown to the government.

The new regime, swept into office in a bloody coup yesterday, is headed by Major Gualberto Villarroel and Finance Minister Victor Paz Estenssoro. It already has made its bid for recognition in a formal pronouncement, and foreign diplomats here said they would meet daily until the question was settled.

The capital was comparatively quiet after the pre-dawn revolt marked by shooting. During the night soldiers and police toured the city in trucks as a precautionary measure. Traffic police carried titles.

International air traffic was resumed.

1,100,000 Non-operating Workers Set December 30 As Time To Quit Work

Operating Brotherhoods Already Had Called Strike for Same Date; Reject President Roosevelt's Basis for Settlement of Wage Dispute; President Says Strike Would Hurt War Effort

Frankfurt, Nazi Chemical Center, Blasted by RAF Heavy Bombers

Allies' Pre-Invasion Air Offensive Reaches New Intensity; Mannheim, Ludwigshafen Attacked

By GLADWIN HILL

LONDON, Dec. 21 (AP)—A force of possibly 800 Pathfinder-guided RAF heavy bombers attacked the important German chemical and armament center of Frankfurt last night with 2,000 long tons of explosives and incendiaries in one of the heaviest raids of the war, pounding their target with relative ease after Nazi fighters had been drawn off by a swift joint assault fifty miles to the south.

The bombardment loosed on Frankfurt came close to the war's record of 2,300 long tons dropped on Berlin November 22. The British heavies blasted and burned the city after a diversionary attack had been made on the twin German cities of Mannheim and Ludwigshafen.

These attacks highlighted a busy twenty-four hours as the Allies' pre-invasion air offensive surged to a new winter intensity. British-based American heavy bombers attacked Bremen by daylight yesterday as Mediterranean-based American heavies were hitting the Bulgarian capital of Sofia and an airfield near Athens, Greece. Last night RAF Mosquito bombers struck at Western Germany and Belgium and today American and British medium bombers raided Northern France by daylight.

The United States Eighth Air Force announced tonight that more than 500 heavy bombers, with the largest fighter escort ever used, were in on the Bremen raid, and that they sent approximately 1,200 tons of bombs crashing upon the Nazi port and U-boat base. The number of fighters used was not specified.

Great Fires Started

Reconnaissance photographs showed great fires and columns of smoke rising from many parts of Bremen.

Only three times before had more bomb-tonnage been dropped by United States planes on a single target city in one day. The 500-bomber fighter also has been topped on three United States raids, possibly by as many as 100.

The Mannheim-Ludwigshafen attack effectively sucked in swarms of Nazi night fighters which dashed across Germany from defensive concentrations around Berlin.

As the RAF fliers turned home from the twin target they saw the Nazi fighters racing frantically back to the main target at Frankfurt.

But the Nazi interceptors were too late to save the great rubber chemical plant.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Leaders of fifteen non-operating railroad unions numbering 1,100,000 workers tonight set December 30 at 6 a. m. for a nationwide strike.

The operating brotherhoods representing 350,000, already had called a strike for the same date, and tonight they rejected a plan put forward by President Roosevelt as a basis for settlement of the wage dispute.

The fifteen non-operating union chiefs said ninety-eight per cent of their membership had voted in favor of striking to enforce their wage demands.

Unions Issue Statement

The heads of the non-operating unions (clerks, shopmen, etc.) issued this statement:

"More than one month ago ninety-eight per cent of the 1,100,000 non-operating railroad employees represented by the fifteen cooperating railway labor unions voted to strike."

"For more than fifteen months these employees have patiently sought to secure reasonable and long overdue increases in wages but have been unable to effect an adjustment."

"The heads of these unions today granted permission to the employees to carry out their decision to strike at 6 a. m. December 30, 1943."

Meantime the five operating brotherhoods (engineers, firemen, etc.) turned down the Roosevelt settlement suggestion, based on overtime pay.

Representatives of the brotherhoods appointed a subcommittee to draft counter-proposals expected to include demands for vacation pay, lay-off expenses at terminals away from home, and pay at the rate of time and one-half for work over forty hours work in a week. The counter-proposals are to be presented tomorrow.

President Roosevelt has suggested overtime pay after forty hours as a basis for an agreement. He held a press-radio conference today this was discussed in his conference with representatives of railroad management and the brotherhoods.

Mr. Roosevelt also proposes that the non-operating employees get bonus pay for work over forty hours a week.

May Consult Congress

Railroad workers are specifically exempted from the wage-hour law which sets a basic forty-hour week for work affecting interstate commerce. Most of them, under their union contracts, get only "straight" (Continued on Page 5, Col. 4)

Divorce Granted Doris Cromwell

RENO, Nev., Dec. 21 (AP)—Doris Cromwell, heiress to the huge Duke tobacco fortune, received a divorce today from James W. R. Cromwell, one-time United States minister to Canada.

She accused him of "a persistent and systematic course of mental and physical cruelty," and that to preserve her health it was necessary that they separate, and that she has not lived with him since May, 1940. Since then, she stated, she has been "greatly improved in physical health and well-being."

The decree was granted by District Judge William McKnight, who gave Mrs. Cromwell permission to resume her maiden name, if she desired. As Doris Duke she was known as "the richest girl in the world."

Judge McKnight ruled that she was a resident of Nevada, that Cromwell had been a resident of Washington, D. C., since 1940, and that as a consequence New Jersey has no jurisdiction over either. Cromwell this month obtained an order from New Jersey chancery court prohibiting his wife from suing for divorce in Nevada, a writ based on the chancery court's conclusion she was properly a resident of New Jersey.

Lucas Plans Bill To Facilitate Voting by Those in Armed Forces

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Senator Lucas (D-Ill.) said after a talk with President Roosevelt today that he will introduce a compromise bill to facilitate servicemen's voting through a federal commission which would merely distribute and collect the ballots for the states.

His announcement came after the president said at his news conference that every man and woman in the armed services ought to have opportunity to vote in next year's elections unless combat circumstances prevent. Mr. Roosevelt said he believed federal action would be necessary to carry out such a policy.

The new measure which Lucas will offer with Senator Green (D-R.I.) when Congress reconvenes Jan. 10 will eliminate provisions of the Senate-rejected Lucas-Green bill which would have empowered a commission to pass on the validity of soldiers' ballots after their inspection by state election officials.

Matter Left Up To States

"That doesn't mean of course that the federal government can't prevent fraud and the like," Lucas said.

In rejecting the original bill, the Senate approved a substitute leaving the entire matter up to the states. A House committee is trying to work out a compromise similar to that described by Lucas, although some southern Democrats are still urging "states' rights" bill.

"The president's statement is in line with the principle of the new bill I will offer," Lucas said. "The waiving of registration and poll tax requirements is called for by some states will be left in the bill as under the 1942 law."

"We would merely make a federal commission an instrument for distributing the ballot," he added. "It (Continued on Page 11, Col. 5)

GEN. GEORGE C. MARSHALL CONFERES WITH MAC ARTHUR IN NEW GUINEA

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NEW GUINEA, Wednesday, Dec. 22 (AP)—Gen. George C. Marshall, United States army chief of staff, has held a conference with Gen. Douglas MacArthur, commander of Allied operations in the South and Southwest Pacific, it was disclosed today.

The conference was held at the very moment when the United States Sixth Army was carrying MacArthur's offensive campaign to the shores of New Britain by landing at Arawe Dec. 15.

General Marshall, making his first appearance of the war in the

MacArthur sector, observed Allied operations on New Guinea, where Australians have pushed part of the way up Huon peninsula, and in the Solomons, where Americans have invaded the last big enemy base of Bougainville in that group.

Holds Several Conferences

He paid the visit on his way home from the Roosevelt-Churchill-Chiang conference at Cairo and the Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin conference at Teheran.

The general conferred with Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, commander in chief of the Pacific, and Lt. Gen. (Continued on Page 10, Col. 5)

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NINE DRAFT APPEAL PANELS WILL BE SET UP IN MARYLAND

BALTIMORE, Dec. 21 (AP)—Nine draft appeal panels will be added to the present five boards in Maryland, Col. Henry C. Stanwood, Selective Service director for Maryland, announced today.

The new appeal boards are needed to fill the growing number of appeal cases and the task of reviewing the occupational deferments of all registrants whose places of employment and local draft boards are in different appeal-board areas.

A special distributing center also has been set up in state draft headquarters in the Fifth Regiment armory to route occupational deferment reviews to the proper boards.

Between 45,000 and 50,000 employees in Maryland industries have received occupational deferments from local boards in other areas and all these cases must now be reviewed by the Maryland Appeal Boards, state draft officials said.

The draft deferment appeals still are to be filed through local draft boards, Colonel Stanwood said. The local draft boards will channel the

appeal case to the proper board through the distribution center in headquarters.

The new system is expected to put a tighter check on occupational deferments for men from out-of-state areas.

Strike Is Reported In Algiers

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 21 (AP)—An informant at the office of John L. Kenny of the United States Conciliation Service said today that Mr. Kenny is investigating reports of a

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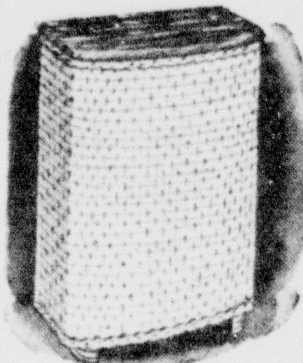
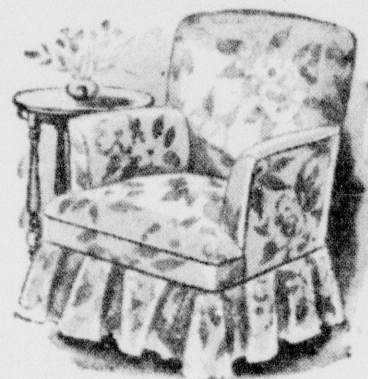
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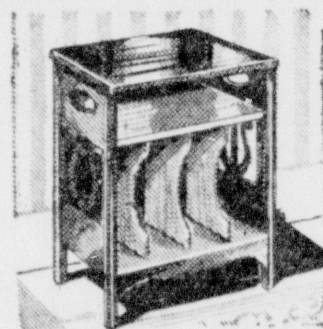
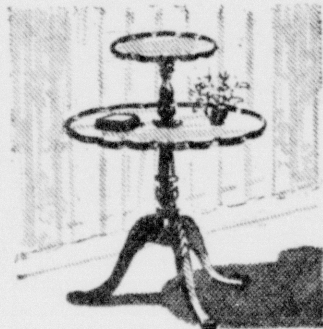
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64,445 made up of 38,352 loaded on line and 26,093 received from connections. This was an increase of 1,070 over the same week of last year when the total was 62,375 consisting of 35,286 loaded on line and 27,089 received from connections. During the preceding week (the week ended December 11, the total was 72,641 including 43,103 loaded on line and 29,538 received from connections. Carloads handled during the same week of 1939 were 48,108 comprising 32,413 loaded on line and 15,695 received from connections.



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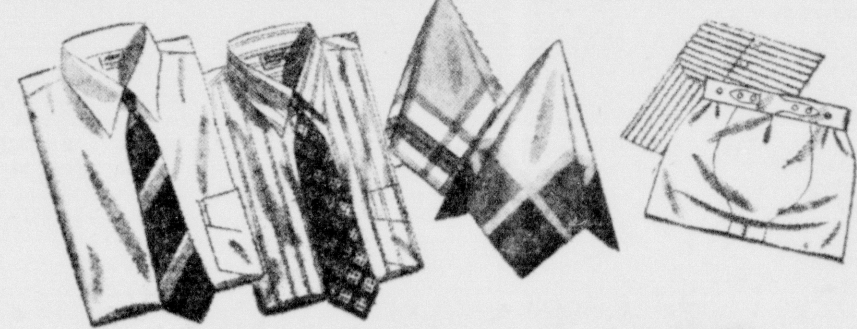
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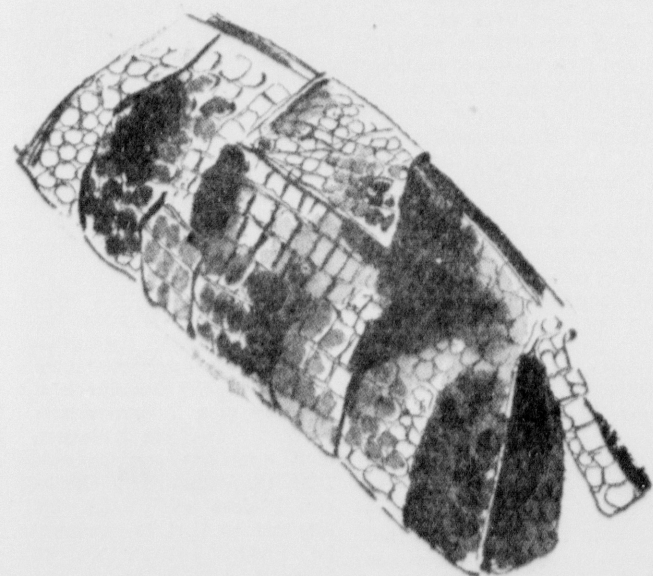
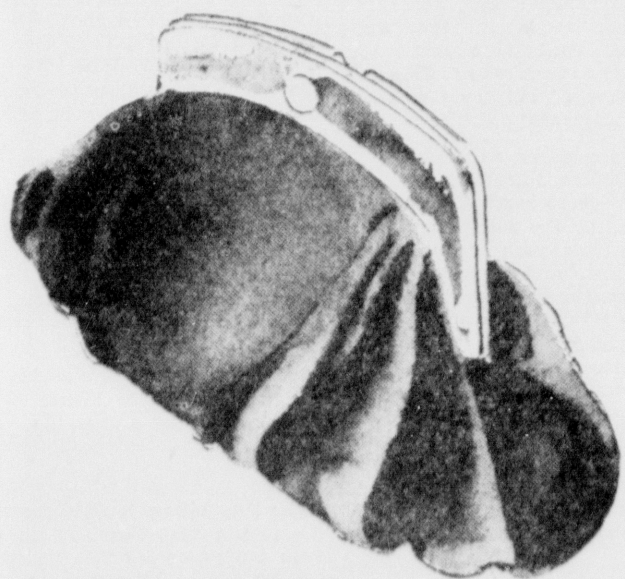
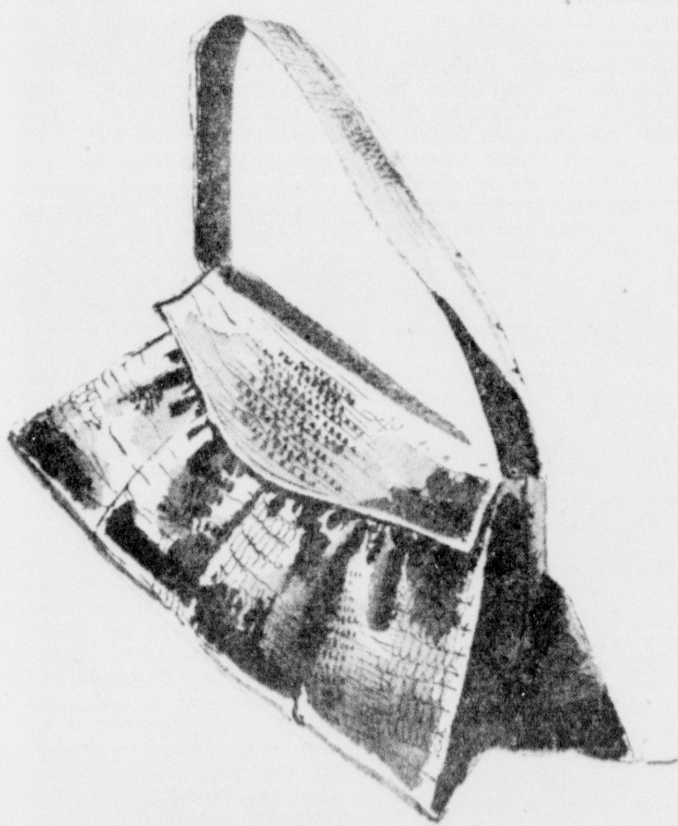
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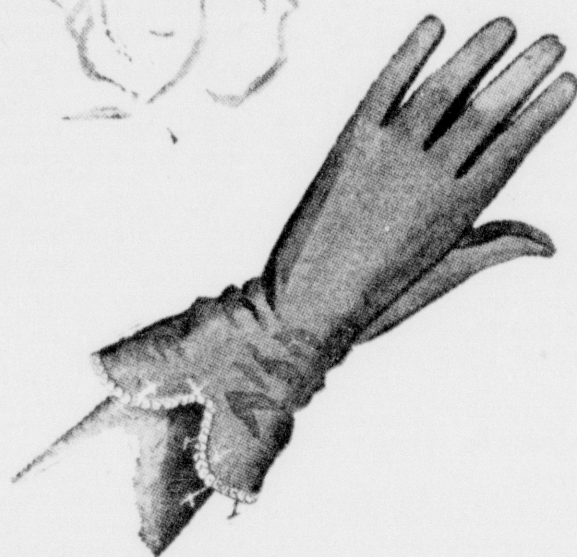


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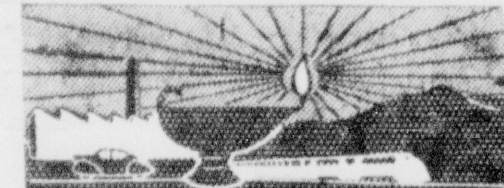
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Federal Tax Limitation Movement Grows in Favor

THOSE who have viewed with favor the proposal to amend the federal constitution to place a ceiling on federal taxation, and this newspaper believes their number is large, will be interested in a report coming from the Committee for Constitutional Government that interest in the movement has become much greater.

With the addition of Alabama, the legislatures of seven states this year approved submission of the amendment, making a total of fifteen states taking such action. As heretofore noted in discussion of the subject in this department, when thirty-two state legislatures have passed the resolution, Congress is required to act.

The federal tax limitation ideas is not a new one. When the Sixteenth amendment was debated in Congress, it was suggested that a ten per cent limit be placed on income tax levies, but it was not adopted and the amendment ultimately passed without any restrictions either as to exemptions, gradations or limitations, more's the pity. The present movement appears to stem from the introduction of a joint resolution in Congress January 3, 1936, by Representative Emanuel Celler, of New York, for submission of a twenty-five per cent ceiling on income, gift and estate taxes. First fruit ripened in Wyoming, which adopted a resolution for such limitation and its governor, Nels Smith, submitted the proposal to the governors of all the other states urging action on it.

The question has been raised whether the proposed limitation would prevent raising enough money to balance the war-time budget, an important question, and there is a convincing answer from advocates that, in the case of the income tax, which produces most of the revenue, the lower rate, over a period of time, would produce the greater revenue. Presidents Wilson and Coolidge so held.

Congress passed a tax act in 1926 reducing the maximum individual income tax rate from forty-six per cent to twenty-five per cent, and two years later reduced the rate still further to twenty-four per cent; and the result was the production of greater revenues under the lower rates.

The explanation for this paradox is that the lower rate leaves more income in the hands of the taxpayers which, when invested and put to work, produces more wealth; and that the lower rate encourages the production of wealth. That, when invested, produces additional income, which in turn, when invested, produces still more, and so on.

Thus, it does not appear that the proposed twenty-five per cent limitation would endanger the federal finances. On the contrary, it would help the budget; and a drastic cut in tax rates will be necessary in the postwar period in order to keep industry operating at a satisfactory level, provide adequate markets and make possible the employment that will be needed for all, particularly members of the armed forces returning to civil life.

Much Bitter Fighting Is Yet in Prospect
TO CHERY OPTIMISTS who talk as if Germany were about to collapse, and as if victory then would be served on a golden platter, thoughtful study of the news from the Ukraine is recommended.

That terrific German counter-drive for Kiev cannot save Hitler's armies from eventual defeat on the Russian front. So Field Marshal von Manstein's staggering expenditure of German lives and German materiel must be viewed as a sacrificial delaying action. The inescapable conclusion is this:

Germany still has vast reserves of manpower and plentiful stores of supplies. Otherwise even Hitler could not induce the German general staff to throw away thousands of lives, huge numbers of tanks and much other equipment in a counter-offensive which merely defers the day of a general retreat from Russia.

To make the lesson clearer, news from Italy reveals that the Germans have contested every foot of ground which Montgomery's Eighth army and Mark Clark's Fifth army have taken in their coordinated drive toward Rome. Add to this the indubitable fact that some of Germany's best divisions and most modern materiel are concentrated in the West, awaiting the long-delayed cross-Channel invasion. When these developments are assembled there is nothing to encourage the illusion of a quick, cheap and easy victory through German collapse.

Traffic Accidents During Holidays

WHY are there so many traffic deaths and injuries at holiday periods? The answer is thoughtlessness. Too many drivers are merely careless and proceed to take chances. Too many pedestrians are intent solely upon their own convenience, and do not take into consideration the rights of motorists. Both drivers and pedestrians know that traffic accidents in which they or others are victims cause pain and suffering and perhaps enduring grief, but they do not think about the fact enough to realize its full implications. They do not realize it until after the accident has occurred. Then they think how well off they were before, but didn't appreciate it.

No American civilian would want the task of even informing a soldier in the South Pacific that his father or mother or sister or brother had been killed in a traffic accident back home. But the careless driver whose recklessness results in a death or injury may be forcing someone to do just that, and such a driver might long remember the grief that he caused in a soldier's heart.

A Futile Potomac Santa Claus

REPRESENTATIVE USHER L. BURDICK, of North Dakota, is no salesman, or he would have known better. Even seven years in Washington have not taught him much about salesmanship. But then, of course, he is a Republican.

Distressed by the high price of Washington Christmas trees, the bighearted but somewhat guileless North Dakotan cut a truckload of young evergreens off his thickly forested Maryland farm, hauled them to a lot near the House Office building, and offered them free to all and sundry passers-by. But the people were suspicious. They no sooner heard the kind offer than they gave the poor congressman a startled look and tore out for home.

Representative Burdick should not have called his pines and cedars Christmas trees. He should have called them Hopkins trees, or AAA plum trees, or bureaucratic beeches. If any of these names had failed to convince Washingtonians that the taxpayers had put out real money for the greenery somewhere along the line, surely the generous congressman could have quickly assured each tree a Merry Christmas by a three-word talk—"compliments of Congress."

Youth Problem Is Posed by Jurist

JUDGE CLAY S. CROUSE, of the Raleigh county criminal court over in West Virginia, believes the child labor laws can be carried too far for the good of growing youngsters.

Judge Crouse, addressing the Charleston Civitan Club, declared that a "problem without a solution" was created when the legislature of his state enacted certain child labor laws barring youths under 18 from seeking "gainful employment, without provision for apprenticeship."

At 18, Judge Crouse said, a boy or a girl may not have reached mental maturity, "but physically he or she is an adult. If he or she has done nothing up until that time but to go to school or, having quit school, done nothing but loaf, what chance has he of getting his teeth into something solid?"

That question, posed by a leader in the fight against juvenile delinquency, gives something for those engaged in that fight to ponder.

If O. P. A. ever wakes up to the fact that music soothes the savage breast it probably will start sending out a tune with every new order.

An Indianapolis grocer talked a burglar into giving himself up. We ought to let that fellow work on the Germans for awhile.

Hills To Climb

By MARSHALL MASLIN

Sometimes we talk as though everything were finished, as though human nature were complete. As though we had come a long way, up through the ages, to stand at last, journey ended, on the summit of the hill we saw so far away.

We know we are imperfect. Know we have our weaknesses and dreadful foolishness. No preaching man need tell us about ourselves. We know just what our faults are.

But somehow we seem to be always assuming that the human race has reached its goal at last and should be able to lie down now and look back at the long road and say: "I have traveled—see the twists and turnings—see the swamps and precipices—and see, after we have finished our present dreadful tragedy, the savagery and barbarism and the wickedness all behind us and rest our bones in humble victory."

We talk about nature and evolution and unceasing change. We hear the astronomers talk about the stars and the blazing suns and how they are young and then old and how our own sun is gradually getting colder (or perhaps it isn't).

And we talk as if we were outside nature, set aside for some special purpose, all by ourselves. (Or if we don't talk that, how we feel about things.)

Well, it isn't true. We haven't reached the end of our road. We are on no final summit. There are mighty hills still to climb. You can see them, snow covered, shining in the sun, far over there. . . . We ARE on our way and we needn't be taking our troubles and worries as personal insults, as the brutal bludgeonings of fate. They are but growing pains, struggling, heaving, journeying pains.

We are not outside of Nature, either. Nature is within us and we change as everything else does. The hills are worn down and lifted up again. So are we. Nature does things to worms and snails and little furry things and great elephants; she does not overlook us. Beneath her great hand we are also shaped for some future function and Nature that is beyond us is also within us, like the air we breathe. . . . We may never attain perfection and from my point of view we would have a dangerous and dull life if we ever did.

Greater Submarine Activity by Japan Is Now Expected

By CENTRAL PRESS

WASHINGTON—Some navy officials in Washington are expecting intensification of Japan's submarine campaign against Allied merchant shipping in the Pacific resulting from the current offensive which deprived the Nips of valuable air bases on the west flank of the shipping routes.

Hitherto, the Japs relied on planes from the Solomons and Gilberts to threaten American shipping and to force vessels to take a wide, time-consuming detour on the route to the southwest Pacific.

Best bet is that the Jap, having lost his air bases in the Solomons and Gilberts, will resort to other tactics.

Early in the war, the Jap used his submarine fleet—except in a few isolated cases—in conjunction with his surface forces against American warships. These tactics proved costly to Americans early in the war, both in the Solomons and elsewhere.

Prediction: Japan may attempt sub attacks against Allied merchant shipping, but most navy men feel the enemy high command has waited too long. If such a method is used, it probably will do little harm to Allied shipping—which now is well protected in convoys.

Veto Looms

A presidential veto looms for the Senate railway wage resolution when it finally reaches Roosevelt's desk.

The measure, which by now is certain to have been approved by the upper chamber, declares valid a straight eight-cents-an-hour pay hike for 100,000,000 non-operating trainmen.

Both management and labor originally agreed to the increase, but Economic Stabilizer Fred Vinson twice rejected the arrangement on the grounds that it would menace the "hold the line against inflation" order of the chief executive.

Informed Capitol Hill sources, basing their belief on a radio address by War Mobilizer Byrnes, predict that Roosevelt is nearly certain to veto the measure. Byrnes described the rail workers as "holding a political pistol at the head of congress."

Whether the Senate and House have sufficient votes to override a veto remains problematical.

Halleck Cools on Wilkie

Gopolitics are watching with keen interest the selection of Rep. Charles A. Halleck, of Indiana, as chairman of the national Republican congressional campaign committee succeeding Rep. J. William Ditter, of Pennsylvania, killed in an airplane crash.

There is much behind the move and it has many implications. Halleck attained national prominence in 1940 when he nominated Wendell Wilkie, another Hoosier, for president. To Halleck's speech was attributed much of the success of the "Wilkie Blitz." Halleck, however, has now cooled on Wilkie—which is important in pivotal Indiana and dangerous to Wilkie.

Halleck is assured of a seat in the House as long as he wants it, observers agree, and as congressional campaign leader he will be in line for majority leadership if the Republicans capture the lower branch in 1944.

Credit Taken

The National Planning Association takes credit for the fact that Bernard M. Baruch is in charge of drafting the broad blueprint for postwar conversion. Insiders say that N.P.A. quietly recommended delegation of the assignment to Baruch to President Roosevelt weeks ago.

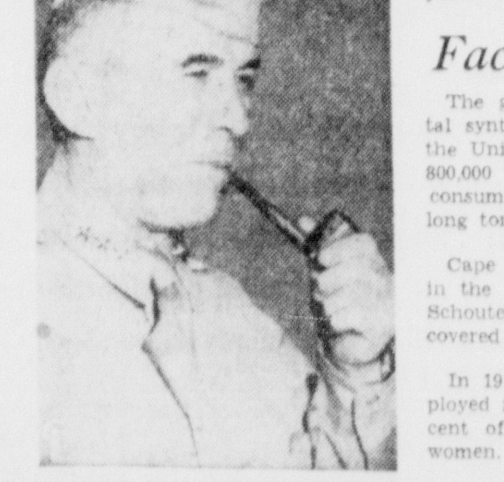
N.P.A. would more or less bypass W.P.B. on the post-war job. Its program includes creation of a National Reconversion commission and appointment of a national reconversion administrator.

Good chance for another round of alphabetical federal units!

Farm Machinery Still a Problem

Although the administration has told farmers they will get plenty of farm machinery to do the job in

LEADS INVADERS



LT. GEN. WALTER KRUEGER is the commander of the United States Sixth Army, whose amphibious forces stormed ashore on the south coast of New Britain and captured a three-mile beachhead on Arawe peninsula. Their main objective is Rabaul, Jap base.



Landis, Dismayed over the Lend-Lease Situation at Cairo, May Quit His Post

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—Mr. Roosevelt's high commissioner for lend-leasing with the British at Cairo, James M. Landis, flew into town a few days back for an unscheduled, unannounced series of conferences, and, since then, the air in the highest government halls has carried thin threats that Landis may quit the whole business and resign in disgust.

Mr. Landis is moving quietly and secretly because he does not wish to bestir another useless flurry of British criticism, such as back-

washed the reports of the five globe-travelling senators upon their return some weeks back. But what the senators found is not much more than half of that in which Mr. Landis has been mired at Cairo.

His experiences come only second-hand from those with whom he has conferred, but there are enough of these to piece together a rather solid confirmation of the unsatisfactory situation.

Blocked and By-passed
His hearers avow he has been blocked and by-passed completely in the job to which he was assigned after the published criticism of British business enthusiasm, namely the job of seeing that the interests of the lender-lessee were fully understood and protected thereafter.

If he denies trucks to the Persian government, for instance, the British will send out trucks from lend-lease in their own name. When he sends a man to London to make a lend-lease point, he generally can obtain only an American captain to deal with a British general, the difference in ranks assuring British success for any argument.

But if he himself effects a decision in Cairo, he cannot be sure of averting a reversal from Washington.

All that the British officers must do to reverse him is to get Churchill to telephone Harry Hopkins, the president's assistant, who immediately sets Mr. Landis right. So promptly are his decisions anticipated, some of his associates have suspected his wires have not been always inviolate or private.

British Hard Driven

British interests are being hard driven toward maintaining direction of development of the Persian oil fields, which may explain the extraordinary activity here lately of Petroleum Administrator Harold Ickes, who even wants the government to furnish some minority capital through its petroleum reserves corporation to let private American oil companies develop Arabian and Iraqi fields—and the Senate Truman committee is still privately pondering why more oil is not available to us from the Middle East, where the British have the wells.

All this has made Mr. Landis disheartened and discouraged, as well it might. While nothing is to be gained by sheer criticism of the British or their exceptionally ambitious trade policies—and it is foolish of citizens or commentators now again to indulge their first emotions and give vent to criticism which is merely shunted aside—the time has arrived to set this lend-

lease matter straight, completely straight.

Delegation Needed

Mr. Landis saw both Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Hopkins at Cairo, either of whom might be able to do the necessary inner spade work, but both were exclusively occupied with problems of winning the war. No doubt their minds are too filled and hands too busy to straighten out this side-mess, but they could get some people who could do it, or even empower Mr. Landis to do it.

Unless something is done, senators will become aware of what has been going on, and start again in their own way, the vocal way. Resignation of Mr. Landis would be enough to bring on a situation which no one who has the true war interests of Britain and the United States at heart wants to see developed.

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Enough Power
From the Charleston, W. Va., Daily Mail

Senator Wherry's suggestion that the O.P.A. take over the distribution of whiskey is not a proposal containing much merit. Adding the distribution of whiskey to the O.P.A.'s present duties would be giving the agency one more critical problem to bungle. Its record to date in managing the domestic economy has been a general account of mismanagement and needless regulations. In fact, if the O. P. A. did take over allocation of available whiskey stocks, there is every reason to believe that the question of obtaining a bottle of spirits might become as grim a task as that of obtaining a new tire or an additional gasoline ration.

That the whiskey situation may not be as bad as it has been painted with reference to available supplies is indicated by the sudden appearance from somewhere of Christmas liquor, a development cruelly labeled in some quarters as the result of the senate investigation of the distilling industry. There is considerable reason to believe that there has been whiskey hoarding by certain sections of the industry. If this is true, then the appearance of a black market in liquor was to be expected. The chisler and boot-legger are always ready to take care of a situation like that.

The whole question of whiskey is not one to be decided upon moral grounds with the pros and cons coming from the drinker and the non-drinker. The distilling industry is a major enterprise. Its tax yields are substantial additions to the public treasury. Its mismanagement may result in something like a return to prohibition days and the memory of what happened during those times is enough to impress upon the senate, the industry and the everyday citizen that its operation and management becomes a matter of the deepest public concern.

Morning Motto
Sincerity should be the pruning knife of friendship and not the monster sythe of an unfeeling rudeness, which, for one weed that it eradicates, mows down a dozen of those tender flowers which bloom only on our affections.—C. W. DAY.

Germans Center Hope on Election Contests Here

By DAVID LAWRENCE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 — Germany's sole hope for a softening of the American attitude on "unconditional surrender" seems to be centered in the 1944 presidential elections in the United States. This is the substance of an extraordinary dispatch sent from Ankara, Turkey, within the last twenty-four hours by the United Press correspondent.

Inasmuch as Franz von Papen, Hitler's roving ambassador, was reported in Ankara recently after a visit to Berlin, he may have been the source of the United Press dispatch. Von Papen knows the United States, having served here in the German embassy prior to the outbreak of the last war.

"Information credited to a high German source," says the U. P. dispatch from Ankara, "said that the Nazis had abandoned all hope of winning the war but were confident of their ability to hold out another year in order to get favorable peace terms. A usually reliable source said an unnamed German official had confided to friends in Ankara that the Nazis now regard the war as lost."

German Reliance Significant

It might well be that von Papen or some other German official confided the foregoing information to other diplomats in Ankara and that in this way the viewpoint became known. But it is significant that the Nazis are placing reliance on what the presidential campaign may develop for the benefit of Germany.

"While the Nazis acknowledge," says the U. P. dispatch, "that President Roosevelt is committed to unconditional surrender and cannot back down, they feel the 1944 presidential elections in the United States might alter the situation."

"If President Roosevelt should be replaced—by either a Democrat or a Republican—the Germans believe he would be able to tone down the unconditional surrender demand, particularly if heavy casualties and anxiety over the Pacific war should make the American people restive."

Reason for Identical Planks

The Nazis still are under the illusion that the American people cannot bear severe losses and that the isolationists and the anti-Roosevelt voters are ready to support a Republican nominee who will not follow through on the demands for the surrender of the German army and navy and air force as a prerequisite to an armistice.

This is one potent reason why there ought to be identical planks on foreign policy and on the future terms of surrender embodied in both the Republican and Democratic avowals of that same viewpoint by every candidate whose name could possibly be considered favorably by either the Republican or Democratic convention.

Policies To Govern

The coming contest is not going to be based wholly on personalities. There are many voters, for example, who may bolt the Republican party and vote for a fourth term for President Roosevelt not because of possible disappointment at the Republican party's treatment of Wendell Wilkie—but because they believe in the principles of foreign policy espoused by Mr. Wilkie. Unless the Republican nominee can convince the 5,000,000 to 6,000,000 independent Republican voters who hold the balance of power in the election that the Republican nominee, if elected, will carry out the Roosevelt foreign policy, they will vote for a fourth term for Mr. Roosevelt so as to make doubly sure that there will be no hope left for the Nazi high command or the Nazi party in any armistice that ends the war.

The trouble with the anti-Wilkie movement is that it is bitter against a single man, forgetting that most of the voters who still follow Wilkie aren't interested in persons but principles and that, notwithstanding their disapproval of New Dealism, they will vote against allowing the foreign policy of the United States to be handled by a straddler.

Leaders Differ

The Republican leaders are anxious to win next time and some of them profess to see the wisdom of naming a man other than Wilkie who will stand four-square on the Roosevelt-Hull program in foreign affairs. But there are other leaders who have learned nothing from the 1932 or 1936 or 1940 elections and still think a negative strategy is going to be enough in 1944 and that the candidate can be any one of the men prominently mentioned irrespective of whether he is willing to pledge continuity of the Roosevelt-Hull policies.

Time alone will tell which Republican group is right but it is significant that the Nazis are counting on campaign pressure to soften both the Democratic and Republican view if Roosevelt is not a candidate to succeed himself. Foreign questions can be eliminated from the campaign if the Republican leaders will unite on that strategy so that the campaign can be fought entirely on domestic issues.

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Cost of Living May Rise in '44, Bowles Asserts

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Whether the OPA can hold present prices in line in 1944 is dependent primarily on the decision of Congress in connection with subsidies, but stable wages and public support also are involved, Price Administrator Chester Bowles said tonight.

"Granting that we get the subsidy money," Bowles said in a radio address over the Blue network, "we will only be able to control the cost of living if (1) wages remain at their present levels, and (2) all of us develop a far greater understanding that actual compliance with OPA ceiling prices is a community responsibility."

Congress has postponed until next year a decision on continuation of subsidies.

Of rationing during 1944, the OPA chief predicted:

"In general, our canned goods

supply should hold at roughly the present levels. Our meat supply should be thoroughly ample during the early winter months. In the spring we will have somewhat less meat than we have at present."

The meat ration today, Bowles said, is twenty-nine per cent higher than last March when meat was first rationed.

Gasoline supplies will continue tight during 1944, but the passenger tire situation "should be somewhat relieved if it is possible to produce the 30,000,000 tires considered minimum requirement by the office of the rubber director," Bowles reported.

Truck tire supply will continue to be "severely short for some time," the administrator said.

Reviewing OPA's efforts to hold prices in line, Bowles said the cost of living stands approximately where it was eight months ago, adding:

"That is a record the whole country can be proud of, because it is the first time since January, 1941, that the cost of living has been held stable for so long."

Grippe Cases Are Increasing

BALTIMORE, Dec. 21 (AP)—Dr. C. H. Halliday, chief of the state department's bureau of communicable diseases, reported today that prevalence of grippe was increasing among Maryland children.

In compiling a report for the regular meeting Thursday of the state board of health, Dr. Halliday cited the condition in several counties.

Dr. Halliday said that 500 school children were scheduled to be inoculated against diphtheria in Ellicott City, but that only 150 could appear because of the disease.

Churchill Is Better

LONDON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill showed improvement for the fifth successive day today in his bout with pneumonia.

Signed by the doctors attending him somewhere in the Middle East, a bulletin issued at No. 10 Downing street, Churchill's official residence, said today:

"The prime minister continues to improve. The condition of circulation is more satisfactory."

RUSSIANS DRIVE ON POLOTSK



THE RED ARMY'S great winter offensive in the Nevel sector, pointed toward Polotsk, was believed to have carried the Russians within about forty miles of the latter city. The Russians were a little more than 200 miles from Riga, on the Baltic sea. Shaded area is held by Germans and Finns.

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time" for the first forty-eight hours in any week.

Putting them on a basic forty-hour week would mean a substantial increase in weekly earnings, but Mr. Roosevelt told his press-radio conference this increase would clearly be within the Wage Stabilization act.

He intimated that he might turn to Congress to effect such a settlement if railroad management did not agree to it. The forty-hour week could be instituted, he remarked, either by legislation or agreement.

The president was emphatic that there must not be a railroad strike. He said he had told representatives of railroad management and the operating brotherhoods that a strike probably would be the most serious blow which could be directed against the war effort.

It is not only a question of maintaining production in this country, he said, but of supplying the men overseas who are engaged in fighting the enemy.

The finest Christmas present the American people could get would be the news that there would be no strike, he concluded.

The railroad dispute is in two parts, one involving the five operating brotherhoods—the men who operate trains—and the other the fifteen non-operating unions representing the clerks, shopmen and others who do not operate trains.

The operating brotherhoods, with 350,000 members, have called a strike for Dec. 30 to protest a special Mediation Board's award of four cents an hour wage increase. They had asked thirty per cent or \$3 a day, whichever was highest in individual cases.

The non-operating unions, with 1,100,000 members, asked twenty cents an hour increase. A special board recommended eight cents, but this was set aside by Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson, and a second board recommended a sliding scale of increases ranging from ten cents an hour for lower-paid employees to four cents for those in the higher-paid brackets.

Railroad's Agreed To Raise

The railroads, meantime, had agreed to pay eight cents increase and the Senate has approved a resolution to set aside Vinson's ruling and make this increase effective.

The union completed a strike ballot last month, but held off announcing the results.

Mr. Roosevelt estimated a basic forty-hour week for operating brotherhoods would mean an average increase of about eight cents an hour in current individual earnings. This eight cents would include the four cents recommended by the special board plus an additional four cents from the change in the basic working week.

The president said that in the case of men paid on a mileage basis, as are most of those who operate trains, something could be worked out to give an equivalent increase.

He made no estimate as to what the forty-hour week would mean in increased earnings for the non-operating employees. However, a union spokesman said it might run six cents an hour, more or less, depending upon what increase in straight time rates accompanied it.

This spokesman said a flat eight cents an hour increase would add about \$204,000,000 to annual wage costs of the railroads, and that the forty-hour week would add an additional sum equal to three-fourths of that or \$153,000,000.

The Vinson sliding scale is estimated to raise wage costs \$175,000,000 a year. By the three-fourths formula, additional costs of the forty-hour week of the Vinson scale were adopted would be \$138,750,000.

Canadian Troops

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army's frontal assault on the Liri valley toward Cassino from the village of San Pietro, which was captured by American forces on Saturday. The most recent advance merely said that Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's troops were advancing be-

yond San Pietro toward the strongly-fortified village of San Vittorio, which guards the valley six miles below Cassino.

Headquarters announced that a specially trained mixed unit of Americans and Canadians had entered the fighting on the Fifth army front.

A British colonel with four years' experience in the last war and another four in this one returned to headquarters with a graphic description of conditions facing American, British, French and Empire troops on the Italian front.

"The Germans have fortified every house and every natural obstacle," he said. "In some cases they have concentrated greater fire power per square foot from automatic weapons than we ever encountered before either in this war or the last."

"We are going to win a war of attrition," he continued. "Bearing this in mind, there is a natural reluctance on the part of Allied commanders to spend lives unnecessarily. If we can take a village for 100 men on Friday, we don't lose 1,000 taking it today."

The desperate German ground resistance on the approaches to Cassino was assisted yesterday by two air attacks on American troops in San Pietro. American anti-aircraft batteries brought down three of the attackers.

Congressional

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the final days, the life of the Commodity Credit Corporation will end unless Congress saves it.

Bill Provides CCC Extension

Extension of the CCC is provided in a bill also outlawing subsidies. The House has passed it, but a Senate effort to work out a compromise delayed final action this session. Earlier this year, both branches voted death for the subsidy program, but failed to override a presidential veto.

Also left up in the air was soldier-vote legislation, a strong House group refusing to accept a Senate proposal giving soldier-vote control largely to the states.

One of the hottest fights of the session developed over the Ruml plan of pay-as-you-go taxation, with the House finally rejecting the plan as such but compromising on a collection method which Republicans called a seventy-five per cent victory of Ruml followers.

While the ledger of things not yet accomplished was crowded, the Congress proudly pointed to what it had done, as its members went home to face the voters.

It unstintingly gave public funds to the war effort, appropriating a total of about \$136,000,000,000, including a record outlay of \$71,000,000,000 for the army, while slashing away at non-combat funds, especially those of the Office of Price Administration and the Office of War Information.

Lend-Lease Extended

It extended for another two years the lend-lease program to keep up the flow of aid to our Allies, and renewed the president's power to negotiate reciprocal trade agreements.

It liberalized allotments to dependents of servicemen and women and revised the draft law in response to a clamor to keep pre-war fathers out of uniform until all available non-fathers had been called.

It went on record, in separate resolutions adopted in both branches, as favoring postwar collaboration with other nations in working out a future free from war and want.

Over a presidential veto and amid loud protests from organized labor, Congress engraved on the statute books the Smith-Connally war labor disputes act designed to minimize strikes.

Numerically and usually in control in the Senate, Democrats in the House were at the mercy of a strong Republican minority which worked in harmony with anti-New Deal Democrats to shape the policies of that branch. As the session ended, Republicans held 208 House seats, the same number they started with, while the Democratic majority, 222 at the start of the year, was whittled down to 218 at the end through deaths and special elections.

U. S. Planes Raid Marshall's Again

Maloelap, Largest Atoll in
Radak Chain, Is Tar-
get of Attack

By ARTHUR BURGESS

PEARL HARBOR, Dec. 21 (AP)—A third raid by big land-based American bombers on the Marshall Islands Sunday, in which seven intercepting Japanese planes were probably destroyed, was reported today by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz.

Target of the attack was Maloelap, the largest atoll in the Marshall's easterly Radak chain and a threat to our positions in the Gilbert islands which we won from the Japanese a month ago. Twenty-five interceptors rose to meet the

bomber flight. In addition to the seven planes probably shot down, five others were damaged.

All American planes returned, two of them damaged and carrying three wounded men.

Yesterday Nimitz reported two raids on Mil, at the southern end of the Radak chain, in which four Japanese planes were destroyed. The two raids on Mil and the one on Maloelap all occurred Sunday—the first time there have been three army raids on the Marshalls in a single day and the twelfth successive day of aerial attacks on the Marshalls.

The report that twenty-five interceptors rose to meet the army bombers shows that Japanese air opposition in the islands—their closest possession to the continental United States—continues active. Army air forces have made half a dozen good sized raids on Maloelap and its heavily protected Taraca airdrome since Nov. 17, but numerous Japanese fighters still give battle.

Girl Is Acquitted

BURLINGTON, Ky., Dec. 21 (AP)—Joan Kiger, 16-year-old school girl on trial on charges of slaying her 6-year-old brother Jerry, was acquitted by an all-male jury tonight which reached a verdict after four hours and ten minutes of deliberation.

O'Connor Reappoints Holzer

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 21 (AP)—Governor O'Connor announced the reappointment today of J. Howard Holzer to the state industrial accident commission.

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Girl Scout Leaders To Hold Annual Meeting

Officers Will Be Elected and Reports Made Next Month

The Girl Scout Leaders Association will hold its annual meeting in the form of a luncheon next month, at which the election of officers will be held and the annual reports given. Plans were discussed at the meeting of the association yesterday afternoon at the little house, Mrs. Morris Barnes, commissioner, presided and appointed Mrs. Fay M. Mansfield and Mrs. Robert N. Angier in charge of arrangements. The place of the meeting will be announced later.

Mrs. Joseph Williams reported facts in Girl Scouting in the absence of an executive secretary. She announced that there are now 502 registered scouts in the city and told of the exchange bulletins received from other councils of the same size as the local council.

The progress of the annual reports was made by Mrs. Charles L. Kopp. They will be distributed at the January meeting and will also be sent to all friends of scouting.

Reports were also given by Mrs. James Warden, Mrs. William M. Somerville and Mrs. Harold W. Smith.

Will Hold Party

Allegany high school home room 113, with Miss Theresa Nicht, teacher, will hold a Christmas party from 8 to 11 o'clock this evening at Central Y.M.C.A.

A program consisting of Christmas carols, various games and dancing will be held. Jingle prizes will also be given, and refreshments will be served. Approximately forty members are expected to attend.

James Radcliffe is chairman of the committee of arrangements. He is

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being assisted by Alice Jean Borgman, Sara Lee Wilson and Robert Doty.

Cantata Will Be Given in Centre Street Church

Centre Street Methodist church will have three Yule time observances December 26. The morning worship service at 11 o'clock; a Christmas Cantata by the Mixed Chorus and Orchestra of Allegany high school, with Miss Dorothy Willis directing at 4:30 o'clock and a Christmas entertainment by the Sunday school at 7:30 o'clock.

The worship service will open with an organ prelude, "Jesu Bambino" Yon, followed by the call to worship; group singing of the hymn "This Is My Father's World," the hymn, "O Taste and See," "Song of the Ages," "Be Still My Soul," and "Faith of Our Fathers." Mr. Cletus Hartsock will sing a solo number, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear."

"In Him Was Life and the Life Was the Light of Men" will be the text of the sermon by the Rev. Dr. Walter M. Michael, D.D., pastor. The Rev. Mr. Michael will also give the Scripture lesson and benediction. Responsive reading will also be included.

The afternoon program will open with a selection by the orchestra and be followed by the hymn, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," and a pastoral prayer by the Rev. Mr. Michael, and the singing of "Sing, O Sing This Blessed Morn."

Kathryn Richards will be narrator for the cantata, "The Child Jesus." Mary Louise Bender, Eleanor Andrews and Helen Welsh will be the accompanists.

The cantata will include the Prophecy; the Annunciation, with Ada Romaine singing the soprano solo part; the Angels, with Lois Stine, soloist; the First Noel; the Shepherds; the Star; the Wise Men, with solos by Robert Martin, Donald Fresh, and Edward Jenkins; at the Manger; with Betty Cesena, singing the soprano solo and Jacqueline Loe and Helen Smith a duet; Mary's Lullaby, with Rosemary Ferrone soloist; "O Holy Night," with solo parts sung by Lois Stine and Earlene Hardman; Silent Night and Adeste Fideles. The service will close with the benediction.

The Sunday school entertainment will open with a selection by the Sunday school orchestra, will include a program by the Cradle Roll department; a one act play, "Christmas Everywhere," recitations by the Beginner and Primary departments; a play "The Arrival of Santa Claus," a pastoral prayer and benediction. The hymns will be "O Come All Ye Faithful," and "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

Engineers Give Informal Dinner

Ladies night was observed by the Engineering Club of Cumberland last evening with an informal dinner at the Ali Ghan Shrine Country club. J. C. Whitel served as toastmaster and impromptu talks were given by Edgar Vandegrift and James McGibbon.

Poinsettias, pine and Christmas balls decorated the tables. Covers were laid for thirty-eight guests. Cards and dancing featured the entertainment during the evening. Mr. Vandegrift, James Thayer and Theodore Carlson comprised the committee of arrangements.

Personals

Sgt. John Richard Hyde, United States Army and Mrs. Hyde have returned to Columbia, S. C., where he is in service at Fort Jackson, after visiting at the home of his father, H. S. Hyde and his grandmother, Mrs. R. R. Deetz, Greene street.

Charles May, Ali Ghan Shrine Country Club, has recovered from the gripe, after being ill for the past couple of weeks.

Pvt. W. Bruce Long, Jr., Shreveport, La., is spending a ten-day furlough with his parents in La. Vale.

Donald Frederick White, petty officer third class, United States Navy, is home for the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emory L. White, 410 Maryland avenue, and his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd White, LaVale.

Corp. Tech. William L. Grey, Two Hundred Eighty-seventh F. A. Camp Polk, La., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Maude Wotring 6 Browning street.

James E. Harrison recently returned from England and is on furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Harrison, Ridgeley, W. Va. He has received two Purple Heart awards for wounds received in action.

Mrs. Robert N. Chaney, Bedford road, returned from Atlantic City, after visiting her husband, Pfc. Robert N. Chaney, a patient at England General hospital.

Pfc. Cecil A. Grimes returned to Camp Miles Standish, Mass., after a five day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Grimes, 453 Central avenue.

New Year's Eve Events Planned by Shrine Here

Dance at Club from 10 P. M. to 3 A. M. Will Be Principal Feature

New Year's will be marked by members of the Ali Ghan Shrine and their friends with three celebrations, beginning with a dance on New Year's eve.

Ralph Bender and his Colleagues will play for the dancing from 10 to 3 o'clock. The feature of the evening will be a floor show by pupils of John Moyer. There will be two showings one at 12:15 and the second at 2:15 o'clock.

The floor show will open with the number entitled, "Broadway Melody," and will feature John Hayes singing, "You Stepped Out of a Dream," Lee Lynn, Doris Craze, Pauline Durante and Shirley Baumann in fancy costumes will form the background for a ballet dance by Shirley Burke. Other numbers will be a tap dance by Miss Durante, Mr. Hayes singing, "If You Please," a rhythm number by Miss Burke and an acrobatic dance by Miss Durante. The program will close with a grand finale with the entire cast taking part.

Hors d'oeuvre will be served from 10:30 to 11 o'clock and a buffet supper will be served from 12:30 to 2 o'clock. Novelties and favors will be presented to the guests. The holiday decorations will be carried out with poinsettias and pine.

An open house and eggnog party will be held all day New Year's beginning at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Ferrone trio, with Leonard playing the accordion; Rose Marie, the bass viol and Delores, the marimba, will present dinner music while a turkey dinner is served from 6 to 9 o'clock.

Christmas day a turkey dinner will be served to members and their friends from 1 to 7 o'clock.

Willing Workers Elect Officers

Mrs. George Sullivan was elected president of the Willing Workers Bible class of the First Methodist church at the meeting last evening at the Central Y. M. C. A. following the annual Christmas party.

Other officers re-elected are Mrs. Lillian Smith, secretary; Mrs. Carl H. Koerner, treasurer; Mrs. Raymond Hinkle, flower chairman. A Christmas basket was also packed.

At the party held at the conclusion of the business session a gift was presented to the teacher, Mrs. Howard Perrin, in appreciation of her service for the past thirty-five years. Class sisters exchanged gifts and new sisters for the ensuing year were chosen. Group singing of Christmas carols featured the program and Mrs. Perrin led the devotionals. Mrs. Earl Tobler, Fort Wayne, Ind., was a guest and eighteen members attended.

Mrs. Bertie Henry will be hostess to the group at 7:30 o'clock January 20, at her home, Maryland avenue.

Eight and Forty Has Jingle Party

Eight and Forty Salon 325, American Legion Auxiliary held its Christmas meeting and jingle party last evening at the home, Harrison street, with Mrs. Pearl Allen, chapeau, presiding.

As a holiday philanthropy several baskets were packed with clothing and groceries for several needy families.

Following the business session a social hour was held and jingle gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served.

Mrs. Allen will entertain the group at her home, Goethe street, January 18.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marriage licenses were issued to the following in circuit court yesterday:

John Henry Richer, Miamiburg, Ohio, and Pauline DeRosa, Ridgeley, W. Va.

Thomas Glenn Elias, Frostburg, and Mary Roberts Patrick, West-ernport.

Clarence Conrad Ackerman and Eleanor Marie Friedline, Meyersdale, Pa.

Alfred James Sheppard, Grays Landing, Pa., and Sammie Mae Adams, Masontown, Pa.

Raymond Eugene Humbertson, Cumberland, and Genevieve Marsh, Bamberg, S. C.



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George W. Barnard, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Barnard, 641 Bedford street, was recently commissioned a second lieutenant in the army signal corps at Fort Monmouth, N. J.

Pfc. William L. Ranck, son of J. D. Ranck, 11 Browning street, has completed a course in airplane mechanics at Sheppard Field, Tex. Aviation Cadet Allan V. White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. White, 405 Beall street, has reported for duty at the Big Spring Bombardier School, Big Spring, Tex. His brother, Lieut. D. L. White, is a student officer in bombardier training and another brother, Pvt. E. J. White, is also in service.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Boggs, 321 Pennsylvania avenue, have been advised of the arrival in North Africa of their son, Pvt. Carl F. Boggs.

Aviation Cadet George L. Postman, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Postman, 314 Pulaski street, is enrolled at the pre-technical school, Seymour Johnson Field, N. C.

Naval Aviation Cadet Harry Earle Nesbit, Jr., 400 Hill street, is a recent graduate from the flight preparatory school, Williams college, Williamstown, Mass.

Pvt. Frank C. Daum, husband of Mrs. Marie Daum, 135 Polk street, has been transferred from N. Camp Polk, La., to Camp Sibert, Ala.

Pvt. John Burris, husband of Mrs. Kay Burris, 611 North Mechanic street, has been transferred from Fort Ord, Cal., to an undisclosed military post.

Pvt. Charles F. Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Martin, 611 North Mechanic street, has been transferred from Fort Meade, S. D., to Fort Bragg, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Williams, 318 Arch street, received a cablegrammed Christmas greeting from their son, Carl E. Williams, stationed at an undisclosed overseas station.

Mrs. LaVerne Rider, 609 Hill Top drive, has been advised of the arrival in Australia of her husband, Pvt. John S. Rider, son of Mrs. Theresa Rider, 415 Beall street.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Flora, 321 Maryland avenue, have been advised of the arrival in Australia of their son, Pvt. William Flora.

Harold Shober, H. A. 1-C, United States Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Casper Shober, 530 Columbia avenue, has been transferred from the Bainbridge Naval hospital school to Hadnut Point, Camp Lejeune, N. C.

Women of Moose To Meet Thursday

The Women of the Moose, Chapter 914 will hold its regular business session at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening at the Moose home, Beall and Smallwood streets.

A jingle party and social will be held at the conclusion of the meeting. There will be an impromptu entertainment and refreshments will be served.

W.S.C.S. Will Elect

Election of officers of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Mt. Tabor Methodist church will be held at the meeting at 1:30 o'clock today at the home of Mrs. Walter Taschenberger.

The annual jingle party will also be held at this time.

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Events in Brief

The operetta, "Christmas with the Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe," which was scheduled to be given December 27 at the Kingsley Methodist church has been indefinitely postponed because of illness of so many of the cast.

The Diesel club will hold a dinner meeting at 6:30 o'clock tomorrow evening at the Ali Ghan Shrine Country Club.

The Junior Girls Choral Club of Allegany high school will present a program of Christmas Carols from 8:15 to 9 o'clock this evening at the Queen City Station, under the direction of Miss Dorothy Willison.

The Christmas party of the Keating Memorial Day Nursery, scheduled for today has been postponed. The Sewing Group for World Relief which meets each Wednesday at the First Presbyterian church house, will not meet today or next week. Mrs. W. Carl White announces. Meetings will be resumed January 5.

Church Will Have Service Christmas Eve

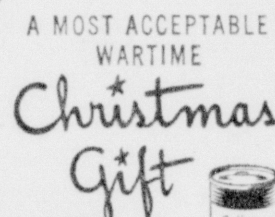
The Christmas service at Kingsley Methodist church will be held at 11 o'clock Christmas eve instead of Christmas morning, the Rev. Hirl A. Kester, pastor announces.

It will be a candlelight carol service and the Rev. Mr. Kester will give the meditation. There will also be a special musical program by the choir.

Miss Martin Entertains

Miss Mary Martin entertained a group of her friends from the twisting block 3 and 1 of the Celanese Corporation of America, with a Christmas party last evening at her home, 613 Fairview avenue.

Gifts were exchanged and informal entertainment concluded the evening. The house was decorated with laurel and crowsfoot with a large Christmas tree as the central decoration. Candles and pine decorated the table and covers were laid for twelve.



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Officers Will Also Be Elected at Meeting To Be Held January 31

The Past Presidents Club of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold a dinner party preceding the January 31 meeting, when officers will be elected. Mrs. Sadie Smith and Mrs. Hester Lindamood were appointed chairmen of arrangements by Mrs. Elsie Kilroy at the meeting Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Lindamood, Michigan avenue. Mrs. Elizabeth Hallie and Mrs. Eva Smith were reported ill.

Other officers who have been serving with Mrs. Kilroy this year are Mrs. Grace Bosenburg, vice-president; Mrs. Emily Miller, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Chloe Reynolds, chaplain.

A Christmas party was held at the

conclusion of the business session and gifts were exchanged. Secret sisters for the ensuing year were selected. Supper was served by Mrs. Lindamood and her co-hostess, Mrs. Rachael Ines. Miniature Christmas trees centered the table and the holiday motif was carried out in the favors and table appointments.

Mrs. Helen Stevens and Mrs. Bessie Wilson of the Frostburg club; Mrs. Catherine O'Toole and Mrs. Eleanor Couter were guests. Twelve members attended.



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Twice Dead But Still Alive

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. (AP)—Twice during his sixteen years of soldiering, Tech. Sgt. Charles A. Broyles has been reported dead.

The first time was in the Canal Zone several years ago when a doctor examined him for malaria fever, stepped back and pronounced Broyles dead.

The last time was when his wife wrote him in North Africa from Little Rock, Ark. The letter was returned by the censor with "deceased" penciled on the envelope.

Sgt. Broyles was in a Texas hospital during that last go-round. And

he's still in the Army and spoiling for a fight.

Press Pushes Persimmons

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Power of the press. Columnist Bert Vincent penned a recipe in The News-Sentinel on persimmon pudding. The market square hucksters gathered the wild fruit by the bushels. It's selling for thirty cents a gallon—and often—since readers learned about persimmon pudding.

The Mississippi delta extends into three states, Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas.

Loch Lomond is Scotland's largest lake.

Gasoline Wise; Engine Foolish

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (AP)—Walter Miller had been carefully saving his A gasoline ration and had accumulated almost a tankful, to meet any emergency. The other morning he drove to work and parked in front of the building. About noon he returned to the car and it was puffing its last puff of A gasoline. He had forgotten to shut off the engine.

Eggs are about two-thirds water.



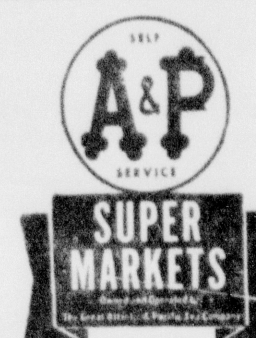
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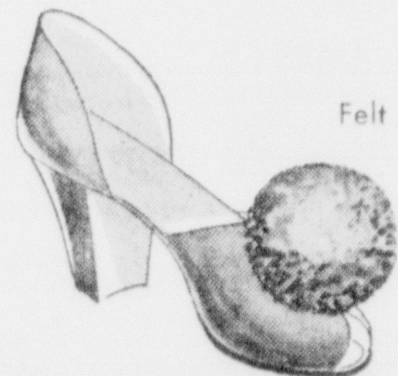
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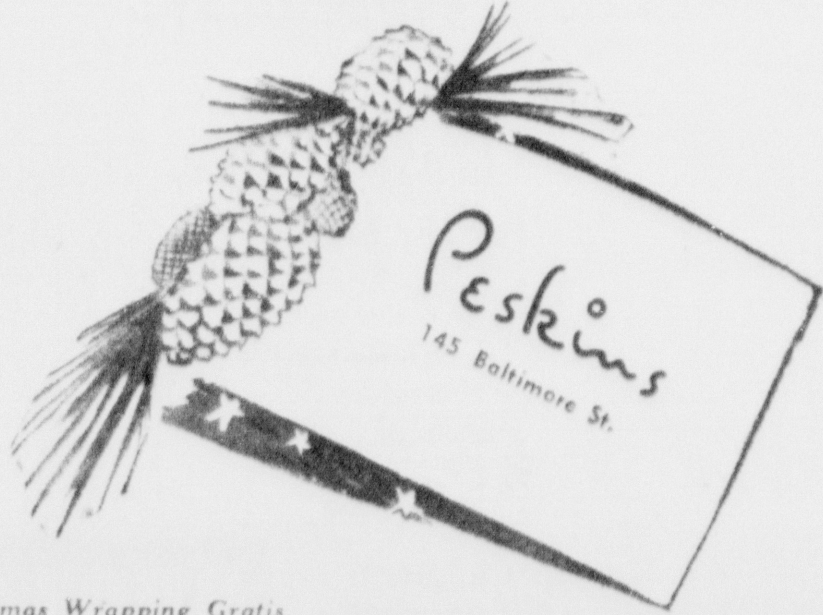
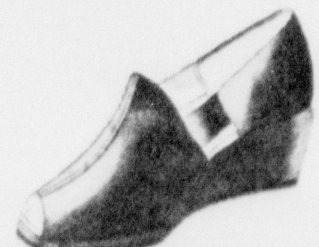
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CHAPTER FORTY-SEVEN had smoothed away her look of BETH'S KNEES seemed to turn wild desire for escape. Beth felt a to water and she clutched the post-chill run through her veins. Never at the bed to give herself support moving her eyes from Andrea's after Andrea spoke in that coun- face, she asked, "What can you dent tone. Looking steadily into have to tell me that could possibly Andrea's face, where a strange smile make me waver in my instinctive

resolution not to help you do any- thing so cruel and selfish as you ask?"

"I can tell you that I know, and always have known, that you were, and are now, in love with Jim Ron- aid," Andrea said quietly.

Beth's heart cried, "No, you wouldn't have done this thing to me!" But she stood tight-lipped and silent.

"That's not very nice, is it, Beth? I pretended that I thought you were just good friends, but I knew. I knew I was breaking your heart when I made him love me, and still I did it."

Beth's white face was utterly still.

"Shall I tell you how it began, Beth? I didn't care a fig for Jim, but I hated his not caring any- thing for me. I knew he didn't like me. I had to make him see that I'm what I am, I knew when it began, this thing that is like hatred. It's primitive, but my kind of woman knows what it is, and it's exciting, challenging."

"Must I hear this?" Beth turned to go, but Andrea's hand shot out and caught her.

"Yes, you must!" Andrea said with harsh brightness. "I want you to know. I could have stopped it. Beth. You could have had Jim, because he loved you."

"Jim never loved me," Beth said in a low tone.

"He did. He told me so. He was going to ask you to marry him in September two years ago. That was when I spoiled it all."

"Please stop, Andrea," Beth plead- ed.

"I'm not going to stop until you've heard it all. I'm giving him back to you, Beth. Jim, who will love you again, and need you, will turn from me to you. You'll marry him, Beth, and be his wife." Her voice was growing unsteady.

"Andrea Barnes, what manner of woman are you? Are you telling me that you married Jim to prove that you could?"

"No," Andrea said. "I married him because I loved him. But I told you long ago that I didn't want to be separated from him because I knew I could get over it. Beth, Jim is candy. Jim is delight. Jim is my lover. Now I want bread—and other things. Things Jim never can give to Beth and me."

"Jim has a right to Beth."

"He can have some of her, Beth. Arrangements can be made. A man doesn't want a young baby around when he's trying to readjust him- self. He may be in hospitals for months. Then he'll have to be re- absorbed into civilian life some- how. We couldn't even be together during the early years of the baby's life maybe. I would arrange so that he could always share her. But when she's mine she's going to have a protected, luxurious life. You know how Dennis feels about her."

"You love her dearly, don't you?"

"Isn't that the real reason why I'm willing to sacrifice my own passion for Jim, Beth Kinnan? Are you blind? I want her to have everything that money can buy."

That's why I want you to go to Jim and tell him anything you like. Whatever terms you make will be all right with me, except that I will not see him. You think that he will care? Yes, his vanity will make it a blow. But you will be there, making him see himself through your eyes and he'll trans- fer his affections to you and be glad to do it."

Beth leaned down to look straight into the other girl's eyes. "Maybe I'll do it," she said suddenly. "May- be I'll go to Jim. I think I shall. But first you must answer my ques- tions."

"What questions?" Andrea asked warily.

"Did you love Jim?"

"I loved him once—more than I'll ever love anyone."

"You do not love him now?"

"I only remember him now. He's been dead to me for months. He's only a shadow now."

"You don't want to see him again because you're afraid that you would find yourself caught in the old enchantment?"

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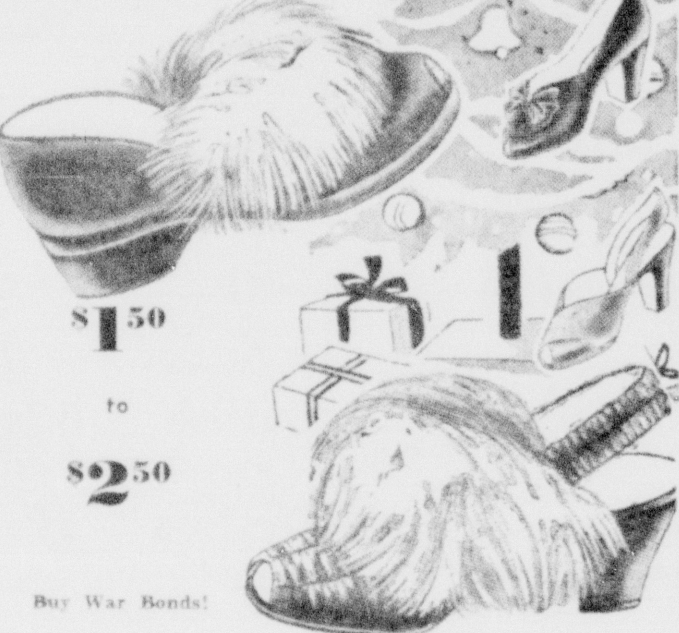
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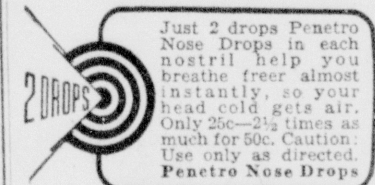
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By ADELAIDE KERR
AP Features Writer

Margaret Wagar, of Atlanta, who has just become the first life master bridge player south of the Mason Dixon Line, says she reached her present height playing by ear. "I never did have any ambition," she said as she sat in a friend's Park Avenue apartment after the New York duplicate tournament play which gave her the required

270 points for life master ranking (Life masters are also required to hold at least one national championship).

"This just crept up on me," Mrs. Wagar continued. "I'm not a typical bridge player. I'm not a take it so hard. I never took a lesson. I can't enter into the technical discussion of a hand. I hear the tournament players talking about things and I scarcely know what they're talking about. I just pop in and bid. I really play by ear."

Just for Fun

"My temperament is better than my skill. I don't blow up and go to pieces. It doesn't make a difference to me in money or prestige whether I win, so I never do get

rattled. I play for the pleasure and after it's over I don't regret anything I ever did."

Bridge players marvel at Mrs. Wagar's attainment and play on two counts. First, she reached life mastership ranking, held by only thirty-three men and five women, in spite of the fact that she lives in a section which has afforded her little opportunity for duplicate tournament play. "Duplicate play requires the cards to be kept in boards of four hands and every person to play one hand in every board once." Second, Mrs. Wagar can play tournament bridge with a partner she has never played with before and sometimes win against

players who have been playing together for years.

Lady Luck

"Luck!" says Mrs. Wagar, who refuses to take the whole thing too seriously, though she does admit she would like to win the master's individual tournament some day. (This is a little accomplishment which might be compared roughly to playing a dozen Helen Wills in one tennis tournament—and winning.)

Mrs. Wagar is a good-looking,

dark-haired woman in her late thirties and the mother of two daughters. She was born in Atlanta (the daughter of Mel R. Wilkins, chemical broker) and has lived in the Georgia capital virtually all her life. She was married to Humphrey Wagar, Mobile construction engineer, from whom she is now divorced.

Mrs. Wagar did not begin to play bridge until after her marriage, when luncheon parties forced her into it. She didn't take much

interest in it until somebody introduced duplicate to Atlanta and then Mrs. Wagar "went to town." She was soon playing in national tournaments and in time annexed a flock of championships including the national mixed pairs, the national women's team of four, the open team of four and the mixed team of four.

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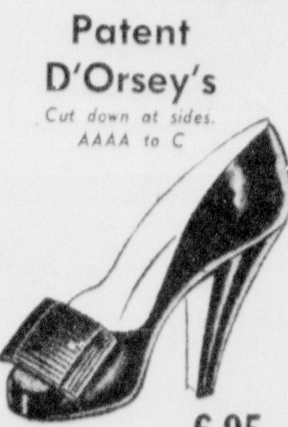
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State Forester Urges Extreme Care in Forests

BALTIMORE, Dec. 21 (AP)—Pointing to an extensive series of recent forest fires in the state—including a 100-acre blaze at Fort George G. Meade—State Forester Joseph F. Kaylor renewed today an appeal to Marylanders to use extreme care in the woods.

department of forests and parks indicated that approximately fifty percent of the numerous blazes which broke out during the past few weeks were started by carelessness on the part of persons who went into the woods to cut Christmas greens.

He declared that despite the heavy rain, which soaked much of the state near the end of October, the woods now were extremely dry and to an even more dangerous condition than during the summer and early fall drought.

A fire which started on the Fort Meade military reservation yesterday and could not be controlled by the post's fire department, he continued, was brought under control after state fire fighting equipment, including pumps and short wave radio communications equipment, was moved to the site. The fire burned about 100 acres, most of it on the reservation, he said.

Maryland has had a virtually continuous forest fire season since last February, the state forester said, adding that present conditions, usually with winds, were particularly hazardous.

"We are well equipped," Kaylor declared, "but we can't fight human carelessness indefinitely."

He added that as much as twenty-five per cent of the state's forest protective personnel had been off duty because of illness in recent weeks further handicapping efforts to control the scores of small blazes which have been reported.

Many of these men, he continued, have insisted on staying on the job, and he cited the case of one man who was too ill to drive a truck or fight fire from the ground who insisted on standing guard duty in a tower to relieve another man for more active duty.

Florida Testimonial Given by Derringer

SARASOTA, Fla., Dec. 21 (AP)—A warm sun beat down on the golden orange grove and Paul Derringer flexed a husky right arm as he tossed a rock into the Gulf creek which runs fifty feet from the front door of his farm here.

"I know I sound like the Chamber of Commerce," he grinned, "but I think living in Florida will add three to five years to the active life of a baseball player."

The 36-year-old Chicago Cubs pitcher, who has spent ten winters here, explained that he stayed in the open practically all winter hunting, fishing and playing golf.

"You keep in shape that way," he said.

Derringer, who admits that he can't pitch as often as he once did, believes the year-round conditioning program which he follows will keep him active for "several" more years.

Fights Monday Night

(By The Associated Press)

Boston—Ralph Zanelli, 148½, Providence, R. I., outpointed Fritz Zivie, 132, Pittsburgh, 120.

Providence—R. I.—Tippy Larkin, 142, Garfield, N. J., knocked out Gene Ward, 145, Chicago, 14.

New York—Martin Bryant, 158½, Dallas, Texas, stopped Freddy Flores, 162½, New York, 41.

Newark—Bobby Jacobs, 158½, Philadelphia, outpointed Nate Bolden, 172, Chicago, 120.

Trenton, N. J.—Jerry Pierillo, 154, Brooklyn, outpointed Stanley Miller, 156, Omaha, Neb., 14.

Chicago—Freddie Dawson, 135½, Chicago, stopped Al Reasoner, 137½, Hines, Ill., 10.

San Francisco—Van McNutt, 154, New York, outpointed Kenny LaSalle, 152, Angeles, 10.

Bainbridge Downs Maryland 55-21

COLLEGE PARK, Md., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Forward Kenneth Corley, former Central Oklahoma State college basketball star, collected fifteen points tonight as his Bainbridge Naval Training Station mates trounced the University of Maryland, 55-21.

It was the eighth victory in nine starts for the Navy Commodores, who led 34-13 at half time, and used reserves often.

Al Brightman, of Southern California, had eleven points for the sailors, while the leading Maryland scorer was Joe Acito with eight.

Jack and Angott Will Meet Jan. 28

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (AP)—Beau Jack and Sammy Angott, holders of the two shares in the world lightweight title, will meet in a ten-round over-the-weight match in Madison Square Garden on Jan. 28.

Jack, whose title claims have the blessing of the New York State city, will have a population of 800,000.

Athletic Commission, will have a tuneup ten-rounder with Lulu Costantino, of New York, in the Garden on Jan. 7. Angott, NBA king in the division, hails from Washington, Pa.

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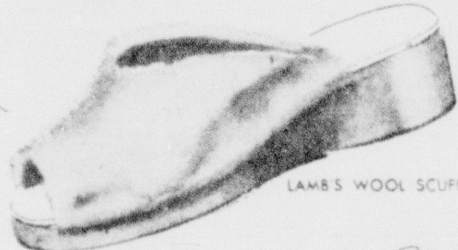
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Robert C. Richardson, Jr., commander of army forces in the Central Pacific, after a long flight which also took him to conferences with General Douglas MacArthur, Lt. Gen. Millard F. Harmon, commanding army forces in the South Pacific area, and members of the staff of Adm. William F. Halsey, commander of the South Pacific.

Marshall's visit was indicative of the greatly increased tempo of the war in the Pacific. His visit follows only ten weeks the conference here among Adm. Ernest J. King, chief of naval operations, Adm. Nimitz and Adm. Halsey.

Marshall is the highest ranking army officer to visit this area since the war.

The general's visit was kept secret until after he had arrived in San Francisco en route to Washington. The press was not informed until handed a prepared press release one hour before the release time.

Visits Central Pacific

The highest ranking previous army visitor in this sector were Lt. Gen. William S. Knudson and Undersecretary of War Robert Patterson in August.

A dispatch last night from Honolulu said that General Marshall, after leaving the MacArthur sector, had spent two days at army headquarters in the Central Pacific—a sector where interest presently is focused on the successful conquest of the Mid-Pacific Gilberts and the growing American threat to Japan's position in the nearby Marshall Islands.

General Marshall's conference with MacArthur came at a time when reports were current of new offensive moves not only in that sector but against Burma in the newly-created Southeast Asia command of Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten.

The meeting also occurred at a time when Tokyo radio frankly was admitting increased peril to Japan's position in the South and Southwest Pacific, particularly against its big air and naval base at Rabaul.

Frankfurt

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ical an electrical center of approximately 500,000 inhabitants from its heaviest attack.

There was one explosion, followed by red flames as if some great store of chemicals had been hit, which shot up columns of black smoke a mile-and-a-half into the air, and it kept climbing until it was nearly five miles high.

Reports of hot aerial combat came mainly from the Mannheim-Ludwigshafen force, further indicating that the Germans were fooled into concentrating their defense there. One group of Lancasters reported five battles in fifteen minutes.

RAF Pulls Another Trick

The Frankfurt attack, compressed into thirty minutes of bombing, came in the early evening last night, and then the RAF pulled another trick out, sending swarms of swift, light Mosquitos darting into that same Western Germany region later to send the inhabitants of Frankfurt back into the shelters in fear of a new attack.

Forty-two planes were missing from the three-point heavy operation, the Mosquitos followed up additional Mosquito forays into Belgium, RCAF attacks on enemy shipping in the English channel and mopping-up operations along enemy coasts.

Light bombers were also out over the continent during the day. A joint United States Army-British Air Ministry communique said there were no bomber losses but three, of the fighters, which shot down eight enemy interceptors, failed to return.

Marauders dropped hundreds of tons of bombs on unspecified "military objectives" in Northern France which have been speculated on as being emplacements for rocket bombs with which the Nazis are said to be hoping to counter the Allied offensive.

Through last night, however, the Germans had uncorked nothing more than their regular, feeble gesture of reprisal, giving London its third night alert in a row. The Germans sent over a few planes whose effects were negligible.

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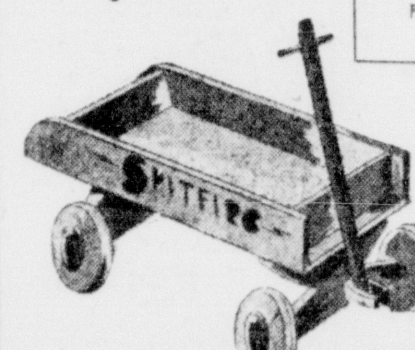
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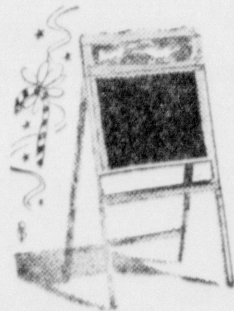
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MacArthur Reports Probable Downing Of 26 Jap Planes

Allies Lose Six in Activity Connected with Attacks on Shipping

By WILLIAM F. BONI
ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NEW GUINEA, Wednesday, Dec. 22. (AP)—Air actions in which the Japanese lost twenty planes for sure and six more probably against six lost to the Allies were reported by Gen. Douglas MacArthur today.

Most of the aerial activity occurred in connection with attacks on shipping, a total of seven Japanese merchantmen being hit and at least one sunk, while an enemy air fleet lost fourteen planes for sure and probably six more in attacking an empty Allied convoy in Huon Peninsula, New Guinea, sinking one 200-ton vessel.

A total of seven Japanese merchantmen were hit in strikes against a convoy in the Kavieng, New Ireland, area and in Rabaul, New Britain, harbor, with one definitely sunk and four others set afire.

The first attack was against ships southeast of Kavieng by a Liberator heavy bomber Sunday afternoon, resulting in the damage of a 6,000-ton enemy freighter. Shortly after midnight another Liberator located eight ships of a convoy in which two were escort vessels, and probably sunk a 6,000-ton transport. Two United States

navy Catalinas later attacked the convoy, scoring direct hits on 6,000-ton and 8,000-ton vessels, setting both afire.

Shipping in Rabaul harbor was attacked after noon Sunday by Liberator escorts by fighters. One cargo ship was sunk and two others set afire. The Japanese sent up fifty fighters to oppose this attack, losing four to an equal Allied loss of fighters. The Liberator

escorted. An enemy reconnaissance plane was shot down by Allied air patrols over Eleanora Bay, on the north coast of New Britain.

Enemy airdromes, supply points and bivouac areas in the Cape Gloucester area, Western New Guinea, received 189 tons of Allied bombs in another heavy attack of a series which have deposited around 1,800 tons there since the first of December.

Heaviest ground fighting was on the Huon Peninsula, where Australians overran a Japanese strong point in advancing a mile and one-half north of Masawang river, fifteen miles north of Pischhafen. The Australian push, with the aid of tanks and artillery, was made in the face of heavy enemy 75mm artillery fire.

Fury of Air War Over Mid-Pacific Is Increasing

By LEIF ERICKSON
PEARL HARBOR, Dec. 21. (AP)—The rising fury of the air war over the Japanese Mid-Pacific Marshalls was plainly indicated today in a report that on Monday Seventh

army Liberators raided the enemy's new Tarao air base, tangled with thirty Zeros, downed four, probably shot down five others and lost three of the big four-engined raiders.

Tarao is in the Maloelap atoll which the army bombers had pounded only the day before, running into twenty-five interceptors, downing five, damaging five others and returning damaged but without loss.

Monday's raiders touched off fires and explosions among hangars and storage depots with about twenty-five tons of explosives.

In addition to the three bombers lost, others were damaged by the interceptors and the anti-aircraft fire.

Indicative of the fast pace of these raids, Monday's attack followed up three in the Marshalls Sunday—the one at Maloelap and two on Mill. And Mill's Sunday double-header followed two other raids there on Saturday.

Malolap is in the Central Marshalls, more than 300 miles north of the American-won Gilberts. The stepped-up aerial operations against such Marshall bases as Mill, Jaluit, Wotje, Maloelap and Kwajalein have brought out two interesting points:

1. Considerable shipping has been spotted and attacked, indicating the Japanese are making strenuous efforts to fortify the islands against the rising threat of invasion.

2. The number of intercepting planes sent into the sky battles is increasing, indicating the Japanese have been getting air reinforcements to replace heavy losses inflicted Dec. 4 by a huge force of American aircraft carrier planes.

Laughter is day, and sobriety is night; a smile is the twilight that hovers between both, more bewitching than either.—H. W. BEECHER.

Poll Tax Dispute Is Revived in Senate Committee

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. (AP)—The controversy over proposals to outlaw the poll tax as a prerequisite for voting for federal officers was revived today in sharply conflicting reports from the Senate Judiciary committee.

A majority report, submitted by Chairman Van Nuys (D-Ind.) and Senator McFarland (D-Ariz.), declared that a citizen denied the right to vote because of his inability to pay the tax "becomes an outcast." A majority led by Senator Connally (D-Tex.), contended voting is not a right but a privilege within control of the states. Eight Southern states have such a poll tax.

The majority report recommended passage of a House-approved bill outlawing the tax as a necessity for voting for senators, representatives and presidential electors.

A man, it asserted, "can be drafted into the army and compelled to face the foe and give up his life to protect the lives of his fellow citizens" and yet "be deprived of the most sacred privilege of all—the right to vote."

The minority argued that the bill, which is to be brought up in the Senate early in the year in the face of a threat of a Southern filibuster, is an unconstitutional invasion of the rights of the states to determine the qualifications of their voters.

The only way to outlaw the tax, they contended, is by adoption of a constitutional amendment prohibiting its collection as a prerequisite for voting.

"The states could legally fix the sex qualification until the constitution was changed," said the minority report, signed by Connally and Senators Austin (R-Vt.), Hatch (D-N.M.), O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.), Andrews (D-Fla.) and Revercomb (D-W. Va.), and "they can fix the tax qualification until another change is made."

Growing Revolt Faces Germans in Italy

By RYMAN MORIN
NAPLES, Dec. 21. (AP)—The Germans, faced with a growing revolt in the occupied areas of Italy, were reported today to have evacuated large sections of Rome, apparently preparing to destroy these areas and perhaps eventually to abandon the capital entirely.

With the Allied armies now approximately eighty miles from Rome, the German evacuation of whole areas of Rome presumably was to permit engineers to plant mines and dynamite on a large scale, as was done in Naples prior to its abandonment earlier in the campaign.

Trustworthy information reaching Naples today showed that all Northern Italy was aflame with revolt against the German military command and its puppet Italian government, and that the situation behind the German line was "more serious than in any of the European countries that are under complete German occupation."

The Axis radio, giving indirect confirmation of the reports, announced that funeral services were held today for Aldo Resega, Federal Fascist commissar, and Pierre de Angeli and Premier Lamberti, officials of the Fascist Squadristi organization, who the Germans said were shot by Italians described as "terrorists."

In a further indication of rebellion, the German military commander for Rome ordered suspension of all street, highway and rail traffic inside and outside the capital between 7 p. m. and 7 a. m.

Violators receive the death penalty.

Yugoslav Forces

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support brought frank recognition here that one of the winter's most significant battles was developing in Yugoslavia.

Discussing the military operations, Tito's communique said the partisans were continuing mopping up operations against defeated German forces in two Croatian provinces; attacks were going forward in the Sanjak area between Montenegro and Serbia; heavy fighting was going on in Eastern and Southern Bosnia with the Yugoslavs holding their own there, and advancing in Western Bosnia.

In a belated announcement of action preceding the present counter-offensive, Tito told of the capture Dec. 15 of two towns near Zagreb, Croat capital.

As the new waves of sabotage added to the German troubles in Yugoslavia, the Nazis were reported to have retaliated with the execution yesterday of eighteen persons charged with Communist activities.

Chaplain Favors

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father of a member in the service, who spoke briefly for the "Boys of Today."

Father Hewitt Speaks
Following Commander Bole's address, the Rev. Leo Hewitt, China missionary, who recently returned on the exchange ship Grisham after being interned by the Japanese, spoke briefly.

A color guard from Fort Cumberland Post No. 13, American Legion, in full uniform, attended the colorful exercises.

The program was climaxed with the serving of refreshments.

Huge Black Market Whiskey Ring Is Uncovered by FBI

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (AP)—The Federal Alcohol Tax Unit reported tonight it had smashed a "million-dollar black market whiskey ring, the largest yet uncovered in the United States," with the arrest of seven men in New York hotels.

The arrests followed four days of negotiations between the men and a lone, unidentified agent who with the aid of the Hotel Astor posed as an assistant purchasing agent, said William E. Dunigan, assistant supervisor of the unit's New York division.

Dunigan said the agent rigged a fake \$43,000 deal in which he agreed to buy 500 cases of whiskey in the name of the hotel. The trap was sprung when three of the men visited the hotel to collect payment for the liquor, Dunigan added.

"We consider this a big ring," he declared. "They offered us thousands of cases of whiskey stored in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Kentucky and Maryland."

He said the arrested men gave their names as Morris Schoenfeld, 38, and J. G. Hearty, 46, both of New York City; Philip Peters, 28, and William J. Regan, about 55, both of Detroit; Harry Novick, 48, of Jacksonville, Fla.; Edward Turner, about 50, described as owner of the Quarterdeck club in Miami, Fla.; and Arthur Lombardi, 45, of New Haven, Conn.

All were charged with conspiracy to violate OPA ceiling prices on liquor and were scheduled to be arraigned before a United States commissioner tomorrow, with the possible exception of Turner, who was reported ill of pneumonia.

This was one of similar raids in other parts of the nation.

In St. Louis and Kansas City, federal alcohol tax agents arrested twenty-one persons in a move to smash illegal liquor operations which authorities said brought almost \$100,000 profit to the St. Louis group alone in three months. Nine persons were arrested in St. Louis and twelve in Kansas City.

Federal alcohol tax units in Minneapolis seized an estimated \$125,000 to \$150,000 worth of liquor from a store and warehouses and arrested two men. The two were charged with illegal sale of distilled spirits at wholesale. Authorities said several thousands of cases of liquor were seized.

100 More Towns

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attacking in the Dnieper bend where all their efforts to take an important height were frustrated. More than 700 Germans were wiped out and seven tanks wrecked in this fighting.

Russians Closing In
In the Nevel fighting the Russians, closing in on Vitebsk from the north and the northeast, captured the town of Gribali, twenty miles north of the Nazi stronghold, said the Soviet daily communique, recorded by the Soviet Monitor.

The Berlin radio admitted the Russians had intensified their pressure in this area, attacking day and night with increasing strength.

Some of the war's biggest tank battles raged along the entire front, with the Germans throwing as many as 2,000 tanks into battle in some sectors, and the Russians announced they had destroyed 112 of them in Monday's fighting alone. The Germans claimed they had destroyed 412 Soviet tanks in the last two days.

The Russians were reported to be wheeling "enormous" new forces into the Ukrainian front from south of Cherkassy to Nikopol, Vichy radio said.

Lucas Plans Bill

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would not have authority to report on the ballots as provided in the original bill.

"We would eliminate the provision providing that election officials report to the commission on any irregularities and the Commission reporting to Congress."

Mr. Roosevelt declined to express an opinion on the bill passed by the Senate.

Barkley Denounces Bill
"Does the Senate bill do that (carry out the policy)?" a reporter asked.

He hadn't the faintest idea, the president replied.

"Is federal action needed to implement that policy?" another asked.

Oh, yes, Mr. Roosevelt said.

The Senate-approved bill, over which Democratic members of the chamber split, in effect simply asks

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that the states arrange for members of the armed services to vote by absentee ballot.

Majority Leader Barkley, of Kentucky, denounced it as a "pious ladies aid society" resolution of no practical value. It was adopted as a substitute for a proposal that a federal commission distribute war ballots throughout the armed services.

Senator Guffey (D-Pa.) charged that an "unholy alliance" of southern Democrats and Republicans put

over the substitute—a charge which brought denials from Senators Byrd (D-Va.) and Bailey (D-NC) who took Guffey to task in Senate speeches.

The House has not acted on the Senate resolution.

Honesty of thought and speech and written word is a jewel, and they who curb prejudices and seek honorably to know and speak the truth are the only builders of a better life.—JOHN GALSWORTHY

Ludwig von Reuter Dies

LONDON, Dec. 21. (AP)—German Vice Admiral Ludwig Von Reuter, 75, the officer who ordered the scuttling of the German fleet at Scapa Flow on June 21, 1919, died today of heart disease, the Berlin radio said.

He had been in retirement since 1920 and devoted his later years chiefly to his memoirs.

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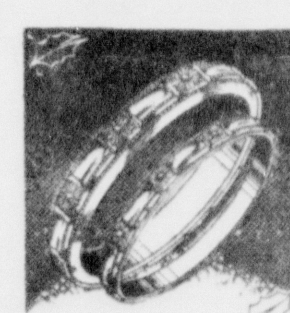


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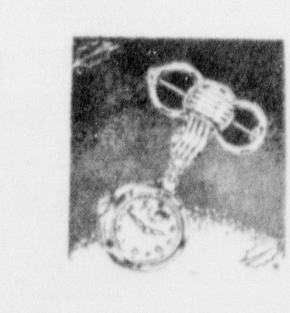
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Horseburgers OK In Iceland

CAMP VAN DORN, Miss. Dec. 21 (AP)—Corporal Donald P. Rhodes, after serving fourteen months with the Army in Iceland, is here with the news that "horseburgers" aren't bad eating.

Rhodes, now stationed here, said "Long-haired ponies, the only ones which can stand the climate up there, have been imported from Russia, and roasts in great herds, as do our cattle. Used as a substitute for beef, they aren't bad, with plenty of pickle and onion."

The widest avenue in the world is the Avenida Nueva de Julio in Buenos Aires.

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Lost and Found Dept.; Canine Division

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J. (AP)—It isn't news when a lady advertises for a lost black and white bull terrier. Nor is it news when she says the dog belongs to an invalid neighbor who is heartbroken. But it's just a little unusual when the lady is the wife of the local dog catcher. That's the case of Mrs. Joe Sanfratella who couldn't locate the terrier for her friend.

In Wrong Business

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—John Schaad is allergic to hay, grain and seeds. For many years he has operated a seed and feed store. For many years he's suffered from asthma—says he can't leave his business.

WATCH THAT LINE!



GOING UP the hard way is this young Lady Leatherneck, member of the United States Marine Corps Women's Reserve. She has released a marine for the fighting front by courageously taking over a line-man's job.

Ex-Convicts Get Jobs

TRENTON, N. J. (AP)—Viewpoint, bi-monthly magazine published by the inmates of the New Jersey state prison, in a recent issue addressed the following to "civilian employers":

"Many thanks for your generous response to our request for jobs for our outgoing inmates. Mr. Thomas A. Mahoney, our director of paroles, informs us that in his forty-odd years of experience here, he does not recall any time in which he has had so many offers of employment for ex-inmates."

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German Retreat From Northwest Russia Looms

Evacuation of Vitebsk Foreshadowed in Moscow War Bulletins

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON

Early Nazi evacuation of the critical Vitebsk anchorage of the German line in Russia north of the Dnieper river, or even the beginning of a German retreat from all Northwest Russia, seems foreshadowed in Moscow war bulletins.

They report Russian troops, Siberian units which are specialists in winter fighting, twenty miles or less from the Vitebsk-Polotsk railway west of Vitebsk, and even closer on the eastern flank to the Vitebsk-Orsha escape route. A step or two forward from either direction would bring Russian guns to bear and threaten entrapment of the Vitebsk garrison.

Short of throwing in heavy reserves that obviously cannot be spared from no less threatened points to the south, there seems little chance that a new German retreat on a wide front in upper White Russia can be averted.

Red Drive Opens Big Gap

With the capture of Gorodok, twenty miles north of Vitebsk up the railroad to Nevel, the week-old Russian offensive in that sector has ripped open a gap nearly 100 miles wide at the base of the Nevel bulge. It reaches from just above Vitebsk to north of the Velikie Luki-Riga railway, with Nevel virtually in the center.

Westward the Nevel bulge runs substantially 100 miles deep for its whole width, by available data, to threaten closely the Polotsk rail and road key to that segment of the German defense line.

Once the Vitebsk anchor point does give way, the whole pattern of the war in Northwestern Russia from Central White Russia to the

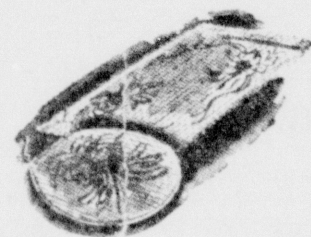
TOURNAMENT QUEEN



PRETTY NAOMI RIORDAN, 17-year-old co-ed of Pasadena Junior College, has been selected queen of the 1944 Tournament of Roses on New Year's day at Los Angeles, Calif. She is the daughter of Mrs. Naomi C. Riordan, of Altadena, California.

Baltic will undergo a drastic change in every indication.

South of Vitebsk, from Orsha on the upper Dnieper bend to the northern face of the vast Pinsk-Pripet marshes above Kiev, the Nazi holding front on the West bank of the Dnieper is keyed to a single road and rail crossroads, Minsk. That Junction city, less than thirty miles from the old Russian-Polish border and on the Napoleonic route to Moscow, serves all remaining Nazi



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Zlobin Is By-Passed

The loss of Vitebsk, and of Polotsk in its rear, would expose Minsk to Russian encirclement from the north and northeast, and from the Beresina river valley. Russian columns thrusting up the Beresina weeks ago by-passed Zlobin to reach the close vicinity of Bobruysk, thirty miles or more in rear of the Dnieper river enemy stronghold and of the Goniel-Minsk railroad.

The minimum effect of Nazi loss of the Vitebsk anchor would be a threat to the Polotsk and Minsk keys of the entire German behind-the-lines communications system north of the Pinsk marshes to the southern end of Lake Peipus and the Pskov gateway to Leningrad. The maximum result of Red Army capture of Vitebsk would be the beginning of a long-planned German retreat into Poland and Latvia for a final stand on the Riga-Orsha short line from the Baltic to the Black Sea.

Coon Plays Possum, Woman Loses Pet

ATHENS, Tenn. (AP)—A disturbance in the chicken house prompted Mrs. James Clark to grab her gun and go looking for a 'possum thief. Two shiny eyes shone through the darkness and Mrs. Clark fired straight. The animal that fell wasn't an opossum at all, but her pet, Billy Coon, that had fled his pen unknown to Mrs. Clark.

The mate of Billy, who won prizes at animal shows, took one look at the tragedy and fled. Minnie hasn't been found.

Knit, Purl Record

STANTON, Tenn. Dec. 21 (AP)—A great-grandmother here is setting the pace in knitting for men in the armed services. Mrs. Mattie Welch has knitted over 100 sweaters for the Red Cross and forty-six pairs of socks. She plans to continue the output for the duration.

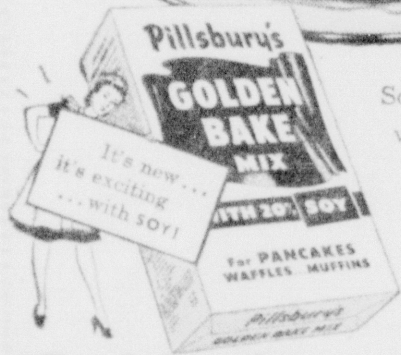
Death Rate Lowered In Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP)—That Mexico is a safer place to live than formerly is shown by figures released by government sources. During 1939, there were 470,000 deaths, and in 1942 there were 450,000. During the first five months of this year, 172,000 persons died, compared to 180,000 in the same period of 1942.

The three principal death causes remain intestinal diseases, malaria and accident and violence, in that order, but in each case there has been improvement.

Free Movie Tickets

CATERHAM, Eng. Dec. 21 (AP)—Repatriated war prisoners from German prison camps are being given free tickets to the Capitol movie picture theater, operative for long as they were in prison, most about three and one half years.



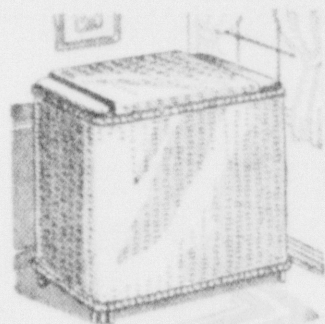
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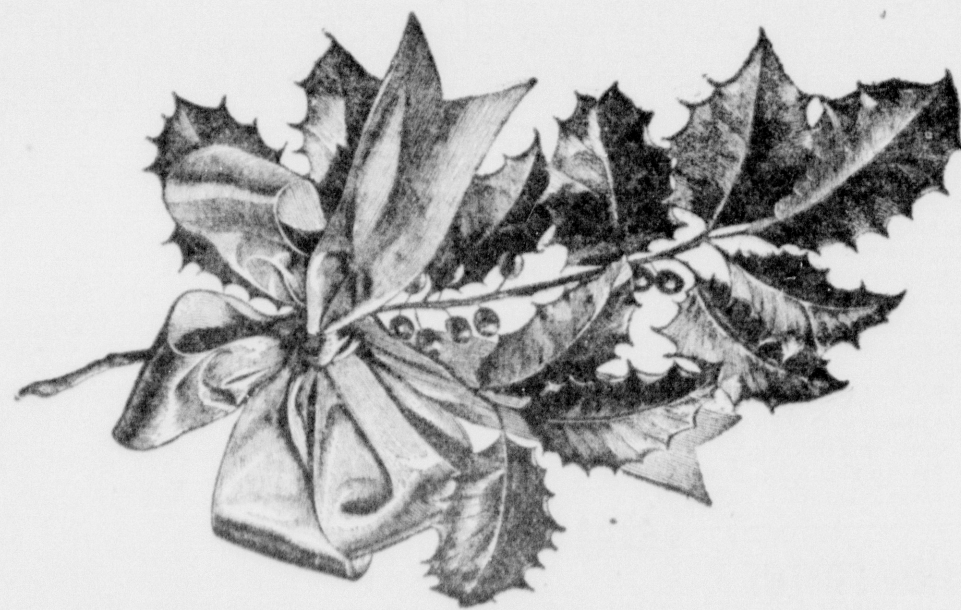


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Frostburg Board Will Send 26 Men For Examination

Selectees Will Receive Final Physical Tests in Baltimore Today

FROSTBURG, Dec. 21.—Twenty selectees from Draft Board 4 will leave Frostburg Wednesday morning, December 22, 6:30 o'clock, for the Baltimore induction station for their final physical examination.

Those in the group are Francis Cook, leader; Archibald Macmillan, Edward L. Kreider, Raymond S. Bear, James W. Shimer, George H. Settle, James W. Harden, George A. Patterson, John T. Clise, William R. Vogtman and John Kennell, all of Frostburg.

Claude R. Burke, Westernport; John P. Mullooly, Cresaptown; James M. Rae, Lonaconing; William H. Smith, Jr., Westernport; Alfred J. Vizza, Zihlman; Ralph A. Moore, Baltimore; Ray R. Evans, Westernport; Samuel H. Taylor, Middleburg; Albert T. Scott, Route 1, Frostburg; William A. Russell and Clyde W. Michael, Westernport; Bryn A. Lewis, Eckhart Mines; Henry E. Weisenborn, Eckhart Mines; James P. Moran, Westernport; and Alexander Middleton, Route 1, Frostburg.

Former Resident Dies

Allison F. Thomas, 65, former resident of Frostburg, died Tuesday morning at his home, Moscow, Pa. He is survived by his widow, the former Miss Nell Kaibach, of Frostburg; two children, Mrs. Gordon MacAskie, Liverpool, N. Y., and Miss Amy Carroll Thomas, at home, and a grandchild, Barbara Ann MacAskie.

Mr. Thomas, a native of Southern Maryland, was a former employee of the Consolidated Coal Company, being private secretary to G. Marshall Gillette until 1926, when Mr. Gillette was transferred from Frostburg to Somerset, Pa.

After leaving the coal company, Mr. Thomas worked for a short time for Dr. J. J. Rutledge, chief of the Maryland Bureau of Mines, and then went to Pittston, Pa., and accepted a position with the Pittston Coal Company. He was stationed for the company with headquarters in Scranton until his death.

Mr. Thomas was a veteran of World War I, and while a resident of Frostburg was active in the affairs of Fidelity Post No. 24, American Legion, being secretary for several years.

Adam Kaibach and Mrs. Ralph left today to attend the funeral.

Mrs. Witt Dies

Mrs. Rebecca Ellen Shaffer Witt, widow of Henry Witt, Mt. Savage, died at 10:30 a. m. yesterday at Allegany hospital where she had been a patient since Monday afternoon. She was a member of Mt. Savage Methodist church.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Rex Keith, Yacoma, Wash.; one son, Mrs. Mary Witt, Mt. Savage; two brothers, Charles Shaffer, Westernport; Jacob Shaffer, Rowburg, W. Va.; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The body will be taken to the home of Harry Minnick, Pounding, W. Va., for burial.

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Julian G. Patrick, 10 Maryland avenue, Westernport, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary Roberts, to Seaman Thomas G. Elias, V-12S, United States Naval Reserve, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Elias, 56 West Loo street.

The ceremony will be performed at 3 p. m. December 26 in Trinity Methodist church, Piedmont, W. Va., with the Rev. James L. Robertson officiating.

After graduating from Bruce high school, Westernport, in 1938, Mr. Patrick attended the University of Maryland and was graduated there in 1942, majoring in bacteriology. She is now employed at McCormick and Company, Baltimore.

Seaman Elias was graduated from Beall high school, Frostburg, in 1937 and from Western Maryland college, Westminster, in 1941. He is now a senior medical student at the University of Maryland Medical School, Baltimore.

To Present Program

A sacred entertainment, "Tidings of Joy," will be presented Sunday evening, 7:30 o'clock, at Mt. Zion Baptist Memorial church. The program will include vocal duets by Mrs. Alvina Cole and Mrs. W. D. Reese, Mary and Sarah J. Davis and Bronwin Reese and Anna G. Thomas; speaking parts, Elizabeth Workman, Betty Ann Hanna and Anna Thomas; angels, Louisa Willette, Margaret and Mildred Rankin, Helen Jeffries, LaVern Kerr, Mary and Sarah Davis; dreamer, Althea Yenshaw; wise men, the Rev. Mr. Reese, Joe Davis and Walter Powell; Mary, Stella Mae Childs; Joseph, Bernard Wade; shepherds, James Beach and Hayden Lewis. There will be choral singing and Christmas carols.

Service Is Planned

Salen Evangelical and Reformed church will observe Christmas Eve with its annual candlelighting and gift service Friday, December

Hagerstown Woman Is Shot and Wounded

HAGERSTOWN, Md., Dec. 21 (AP)—Ester L. Pravel, 32-year-old mother of two children, was shot and critically wounded today after what City Detective Wayne Sellman described as a quarrel with a boarder over her lodger's jealousy.

Sellman said the 35-year-old man, a former resident of Harrisonburg, Va., was ordered held in connection with the shooting.

The detective related that the boarder said he went to a chicken coop to examine the lock and returned to find the woman wounded, with a pistol nearby.

However, a neighbor said he overheard a quarrel, then heard a shot. Sellman added, while Mrs. Pravel identified the lodger as the person who shot her and said he was jealous of her. The Pravel children, eleven and nine respectively, told Sellman they heard the quarrel and fled to the home of their grandparents some blocks away.

Mt. Savage Church Plans Christmas Program Sunday

Methodist Youth Group Will Give Pageant at Candlelight Service

MT. SAVAGE, Dec. 21.—The annual Sunday school Christmas program will be presented Sunday evening at the Mt. Savage Methodist church at 7:30 o'clock.

The senior classes will present two dramatizations of Christmas Bible stories as the main feature of the program.

A varied program centered around thoughts of Christmas will be given by the younger members. Numerous Christmas carols will be sung.

The program is being directed by Mrs. Stanley Dorman, who originated many of the ideas and wrote the script for the plays.

Christmas morning at 6 o'clock the Candlelight service will be held in the church. In connection with this service a pageant will be presented by the members of the Youth Fellowship organization. Carols and Christmas hymns will be sung by the church choir and a brief Christmas greeting and message will be delivered by the pastor, the Rev. Harris M. Waters.

Situation Is Critical

The water situation here has reached a critical stage, with neither water system adequately supplying the consumers. In many sections the water has been off for nearly two weeks while in other districts the supply lasts only a few hours a day. The increased number of flu and gripe cases in the community makes the need of water at this time imperative, and the only adequate supply at present is the private wells and cisterns. No reported measures have been taken to alleviate the condition.

Personals

Sgt. Francis Gallagher, Camp McPherson, Ga., is spending a ten-day furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gallagher.

Miss Peggie Brannon, student at Holy Angels academy, Fort Lee, N. J., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Brannon.

American automotive war plants are turning out an estimated ten billion dollars worth of war material annually.

Thirty-one percent of the employees of small-arm industries are women.

24, commencing at 11 p. m. There will be an altar display of candles to symbolize the presence of each member of the church in the armed services. The Rev. George L. Welser will speak on the theme "The Christmas Revelation."

Frostburg Personals

Lawrence Craze, attached to the Seabees in Rhode Island, is home on a Christmas furlough. He was formerly with the Potomac Edison Company.

John Cook, ill at his home, Mechanic street, is reported improving.

John Stevens, attached to the coast guard at Smith Point, Long Island, spent the weekend at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Hove Arnold.

Magistrate Owen L. Porter, ill for the past ten days at his home, Frost avenue, is reported improving.

John Dunkle, a student at Carnegie Technical Institute, Pittsburgh, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Dunkle, Broadway.

Thomas Elias, Jr., medical student, University of Maryland, is home.

Dr. Harry Teier, ill for a week, has resumed his practice.

James Pressman left to spend the winter in Florida.

Pvt. Elwood Layman, Camp Hood, Texas, is home on furlough.

Mrs. James Frankenberg and infant son, Mt. Savage, and Mrs. Edwin Parry and infant son, 115 Hill street, are home from Miners' hospital.

Pfc. Joseph O'Brien, Camp White, Oregon, and Pfc. Earl O'Brien, Chicago, returned to duty after being here for the funeral of their father, Patrick J. O'Brien, Eckhart.

Westernport Girl Becomes Engaged To Frostburg Man

Wedding Will Be Held Sunday in Piedmont Methodist Church

WESTERNPORT, Dec. 21.—Mr. and Mrs. Julian G. Patrick, 310 Maryland avenue, Westernport, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Roberts, to Seaman Thomas G. Elias, V-12S, United States Naval Reserve, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Elias, 56 West Loo street, Frostburg.

Miss Patrick is a graduate of Bruce high school, class of 1938; the University of Maryland, College Park, class of 1942, majoring in bacteriology. She is now employed at McCormick and Company, Baltimore.

Seaman Elias is a graduate of Beall high school, Frostburg, class of 1937, and Western Maryland college, Westminster, class of 1941, and is now a senior medical student at the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

The ceremony will be solemnized in Trinity Methodist church, Piedmont, December 26, at 3 p. m., with the Rev. James L. Robertson, officiating.

Receives Commission

Word was received here from Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, N. M., that Aviation Cadet Delmore B. Brown, son of Mrs. Cora M. Brown, Westernport, has been graduated from the army air force bombardier school and has received his lieutenant's commission after eighteen weeks of flight and combat training in high altitude precision bombing and navigation. Lieut. Brown was graduated from the A.A.P. gunnery school at Kingman, Ariz., previous to his assignment at Kirtland field.

To Enter Service

Miss Dorothy Sigler, daughter of John Sigler, Westernport, has passed the army nurse corps examination and will report to Fort G. Meade January 3. She will be sworn in at Cumberland and receive her commission as second lieutenant.

Miss Sigler is a graduate of Bruce high school, class of 1939, and of the nurses training school of Memorial hospital, Cumberland, class of 1942.

Janitor Retires

William N. Burke, janitor of Luke school, for the past twenty years, retired this week. He resides with his wife, Dorcas Ann, Beryl, Burk is 81, while his wife is 91 years old. Previous to taking the work at Luke school he was stable boss for the Masteller Coal Company, fireman for Davis Coal Company and Bryden's mines. He has two daughters, Mrs. James Pazenbaker, Beryl, W. Va., and Mrs. Richard Grant, Cresaptown.

Personals

Staff Sgt. Harry Harshbarger, Camp Cook, Calif., is spending a fifteen-day furlough with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Harshbarger.

James A. Cleaver, Wilmington, Ohio, spent the weekend with his brother, George Cleaver, Church street.

Mrs. George McDowell received word that her husband, Pfc. George McDowell, has arrived safely somewhere in England.

John J. Morrison, Camp Hood, Texas, arrived here this morning to spend a fifteen-day furlough with his family.

Lieut. and Mrs. Charles E. Hickerson, Jr., U.S.M.C., New River, N. C., are guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hickerson, Oak View.

Lieut. Virginia Hickerson, C. A. N. C., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hickerson, has been transferred from Ft. Meade to Camp Lee, Va.

Miss Norma Lee Maphis, student nurse at Memorial hospital, Cumberland, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Maphis, Maryland avenue.

A ten-ton pontoon bridge required 3,200 pounds of synthetic rubber.

The first all-synthetic rubber tire was made in the United States in 1934.

Mathematics originated in Greece with the school of Thales about 600 B. C.

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Keyser Couple Will Celebrate Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Wagoner Were Married Dec. 24, 1893

KEYSER, W. Va., Dec. 21.—Mr. and Mrs. George E. Wagoner will celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary on Christmas eve. They were married at Milan, W. Va., December 24, 1893.

They came to Keyser in 1902. For many years Wagoner, with his brother, the late J. W. Wagoner, was engaged in the manufacture of soft drinks, operating under the name of Wagoner's Bottling Works. He is now serving as jailor for Mineral county.

They have a son, George Wagoner, Jr., training for the United States Navy at Great Lakes training station, Ill. Other children are Floyd Wagoner, Chicago; Frank Wagoner, Keyser; Mrs. Arthur Hook, New Albany, Ind.; Mrs. Burl Harper, Mrs. Edward Shaffer and Mrs. Irvin Arthur, Cumberland; Mrs. Mary Mott and Mrs. Frank DeSardo, Keyser.

They have three grandsons serving in the army air corps and one in the marines.

Officers Are Elected

Queens Point Lodge No. 78, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, elected the following officers at its Monday night meeting, to serve for the ensuing term:

Charles A. Mott, noble grand; Raymond Rice, vice grand; Luke McDowell, secretary; Marvin W. Oates, financial secretary; Albert E. Rice, treasurer and Charles A. Steiding, trustee.

Personals

Mrs. Cora Walker, Mrs. Rose Pazzanile and Elwood Hyre have been admitted to Potomac Valley hospital.

Mrs. Charles A. Shieding, McCoole, has been called to St. Clairsville, Ohio, because of the illness of her mother.

Ensign Warren Hull, United States Navy, Ithaca, N. Y., will come home Wednesday on a ten-day leave.

Miss Alma Peters has gone to Chicago to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Thelma Paalberg.

Pfc. Maxwell Lynch, Camp Butler, N. C., and Mrs. Lynch are here for the holidays. They will spend the time with his parents here and her parents in Moorefield.

Eckhart Choir Will Present Cantata

The Eckhart Methodist choir will present a cantata at the church at 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening. It is entitled, "Come Ye To Bethlehem," and is under the direction of Lewis Emerick, Jr.

The program includes selections by the choir, a two-part chorus and solo and duet numbers. The music will intersperse the pageant.

Numbers are "Return O Blessed Vision," "Rejoice Ye," "Come Ye Unto Bethlehem" with the solo parts by Mrs. George Wilson and Charles Mosser; and "Gather Ye" by the chorus; "Holy Night of Old," two-part chorus of women's voices.

Solos will include a soprano solo by Louise Weikert, "The Prophet's Voice," tenor solo of "Fear Not," by Lewis Emerick, Jr.; and alto solo of "Only a Stable Thy Shelter," by Mrs. James Pilsinger; and a baritone solo of "He Shall Feed His Flock," by Charles Mosser. Mrs. Stanley Snyder and Mrs. Pilsinger will sing "Let Thine Heart Rejoice to Thee," as a duet.

Mt. Savage Briefs

Miss Catherine McNamee is at her home, Main street, suffering from injuries received in a fall while shopping in Cumberland Friday afternoon. Miss McNamee slipped on a broken medicine bottle which had dropped at the entrance of one of the stores. She sustained a fractured rib, severe bruises and cuts.

The morning and evening choirs of the Methodist church will practice at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening in the church.

The Youth Fellowship organization will hold its annual Christmas party Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the recreation hall of the church.

Aged Resident Of Lonaconing Dies at Sharon

Mrs. Annie McGinn, 71, Was Born in Cash Valley, near Cumberland

LONACONING, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Annie Gelson McGinn, aged 71, of Castle Hill, Lonaconing, died on Sunday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Dudley, Sharon, Pa.

Mrs. McGinn was born in Cash Valley, near Cumberland, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gelson. The family moved to Lonaconing many years ago. She was a member of the Presbyterian church.

Mrs. McGinn was the widow of Hugh McGinn, who died thirty years ago. She is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Mary Douglas, Sharon; Mrs. Christine Jeffries, Akron; Mrs. John Olfon, LaVale; Mrs. John Barry, Akron, and Mrs. Dudley, Sharon.

One brother, Harmon Gelson, Lonaconing, survives as do twenty-five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Burial will be on Wednesday in Eckhart cemetery. Services will be held at the Presbyterian church.

Eastern Star Elects

Newly-elected officers of Martha Washington Chapter, No. 10, Order of Eastern Star, Lonaconing, are:

Mrs. Mildred Smith, worthy matron; Robert McGibbon, worthy patron; Mrs. Anna S. Foote, associate matron; Arthur Phillips, associate patron; Mrs. Mae Dick, secretary; Mrs. Mary Phillips, treasurer.

Martha Washington Chapter will meet on Tuesday, December 28, instead of December 24, at which time the degrees of the order will be conferred upon a candidate, and the annual Christmas party will be held.

The installation of officers will be conducted on Friday, January 14.

Discuss Juvenile Home

A public meeting to discuss the possibilities for establishing a juvenile home in the Lonaconing Community House was held on Sunday afternoon at the San Toy.

A special council meeting has been called for Wednesday evening to receive bids for the community house, property of the town of Lonaconing, for sale.

Honor Roll Progresses

The new honor roll for the men and women of Lonaconing and vicinity in the service now nears completion. The roll is attractively designed with gold name plates on black with window casing similar to a church bulletin. The honor board is ennobled with masonry.

Names to be placed on the board henceforth should be given or phoned to Miss Marie Merrbach at 61-M. The dedication of the new roll will not take place until spring. John Eichhorn, committee chairman, states that an entrance gate and walk to the honor roll will complete the project.

No Drill Scheduled

Maryland Minute Men, Company 851, Lonaconing, will have no drill during the holiday season. On Monday evening, January 3, at 7 o'clock drill will resume. The minute men will drill only one night a week during the winter months.

Personal Mention

Sgt. Kenneth Nine has been confined to the station hospital at Camp Forrest, Tenn., with illness.

Oil is produced in twenty-five of the forty-eight states.

Miss Bonnie Lewis Becomes Bride of Sgt. Linebaugh

Single Ring Ceremony Is Performed Dec. 15 in Meadville, Pa.

KEMPTON, Dec. 21.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lewis announce the marriage of their daughter, Bonnie Avonella to Sgt. E. R. Linebaugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Linebaugh, 222 Walnut street, Meadville, Pa.

The single ring ceremony was read by the Rev. J. A. Cousins of Meadville, December 15.

The bride wore a street-length dress of soldier blue crepe with matching accessories and a corsage of white roses. She is a graduate of Kempton high school and is employed by the Glenn L. Martin Company, Baltimore.

The bridegroom recently returned from a sixteen-month period in the South Pacific. Following a brief honeymoon he will return for assignment in California. Mrs. Linebaugh will resume her work in Baltimore for the duration.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 10 a. m. by the Rev. George C. Strother for Paul David Kerns 4 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kerns, who died Saturday in the Tucker county clinic. He had recently undergone an operation at Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore.

Surviving are his parents and two brothers, John and Jacob Kerns.

Palbearers were Robert Fox, James and Skip Baldassare and Gerald Wotring. Flower bearers were Barbara Ellen Reed, Clara-belle Clark, Lester Evans and Laveria Fox. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery, Thomas.

Kempton W. S. C. S. held its regular meeting and annual Christmas party Thursday night. The worship service "When You Come Bring the Book" was used with Mrs. Richard Ryan, Mrs. G. P. Smith, Robert Martin Jr., Laveria Fox and Mrs. L. W. Duling responding.

Mrs. Robert Martin read "The Christmas Joy-Bringers." Flute duets were rendered by Robert Martin and Laveria Fox.

Mrs. L. H. Mott, district president read "A Christmas Story." Mrs. B. T. Walters, Davis, Mrs. Mott and Mrs. George C. Stratton gave talks.

A plate luncheon was served and a gift exchange was made revealing secret sisters of the society.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lipovec announce the birth of a daughter, Sunday at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Fulton announce the birth of a daughter, Monday morning.

Personals

Pfc. Frederick Turek, Camp Cook, Cal., is spending a furlough here with relatives.

Miss Nola Ann Carr, Kitzmiller, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carr.

Miss Norma Lantz visited relatives in Cretlin over the weekend.

Mrs. A. J. Wotring continues quite ill at her home here.

Britain's modern police system first was proposed in 1750 by the novelist, Henry Fielding.

Until 1750, there was only one bridge crossing the Thames in London.

For Rent

Three rooms, hall and bath, 45 Bowery street. Apply Morris Gerson, Frostburg.

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Dairy-Owned Milk Bottles Are Taxable

BALTIMORE, Dec. 21 (AP)—Dairy-owned milk bottles are subject to taxation, Chairman Robert France of the state tax commission informed the Western Maryland Dairy in a decision announced today.

The Western Maryland firm asserted that \$20,000 worth of milk bottles should be exempt from taxation because they were part of the machinery and implements used in the pasteurization of milk and thus exempt under a Baltimore City ordinance.

France ruled that the milk was bottled after pasteurization and underwent no further chemical change and therefore the bottles were not tax exempt.

Grant Schools Begin Vacation

Early Closing Caused by Illness; Will Open January 3

PETERSBURG, Dec. 21.—C. P. Hott, county superintendent, announced this morning that all schools in Grant county would close today and would convene January 3. The early closing for the holidays is brought about by a severe influenza, mumps, chickenpox and other illness in the county, which has caused school attendance to drop all over the county in the last two weeks. The Petersburg graded school held a Christmas program this afternoon in the basement.

Announce Marriage

Lorraine Feaster, stationed in the army in California, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Feaster, Mayville, and Miss Daisy Westfall, Rough Run, were married in Oakland Monday.

Mrs. Feaster is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Verley Westfall, Rough Run.

Personals

William Hott, who has been ill at his home near Arthur is improving.

Miss Annabell Brake, student at Berea college, Berea, Ky., will arrive home tomorrow to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Brake.

Miss Arlene Alt, who is attending school in Tennessee arrived here yesterday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Alt.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Mitchell returned today from Front Royal, Va. Melvin Cassidy, student at Berea college, Berea, Ky., will arrive home tomorrow to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Kathleen R. Cassidy.

Mr. and Mrs. K. C. VanMeter, Jr. have returned from Charleston, W. Va. where they spent last week.

Miss Wanda Arnold, student at Bridgewater college, Bridgewater, Va., is here spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Arnold.

L. W. Rexrode, cashier of the Grant County bank, is ill with influenza at his home.

Fred Kesner, who has been here visiting relatives returned to Park Church, Va., yesterday.

Pfc. Charles Goldizen, Fort Leoni

Lonaconing Church Choirs To Present Christmas Cantata

"The Music of Bethlehem" Will Be Directed by Miss Verna Miller

LONACONING, Dec. 21.—The Music of Bethlehem, a three-part treble Christmas cantata, will be presented Sunday night, December 26, at 7:30 o'clock by the adult and young people's choirs combined of the Presbyterian church under direction of Miss Verna Miller, with the accompaniment being played by Miss Marion Elbeck. The program will be:

Prelude—"Silent Night," procession—Hark the Herald Angels Sing, invocation—the Rev. Thomas H. Doney Jr., "Ring On, O Song," choir, "Above the Silent Hills," solo Miss Olie Eichhorn and choir, "The First Christmas," duet Mrs. John Turnbull and Mrs. Robert Robertson.

"Chimes of Christmas," choir; "O Holy Night," duet Miss Edna McFarlane and Miss Leah Jo Dudley; "The Song of the Morning," choir; "To Bethlehem Draw Near," duet, Miss Edna Lashbaugh and Miss Wanda Patterson, and choir; "Let Heaven and Nature Sing," choir.

"The Lullaby Hymn," solo, Miss Marylea Henry; "The March of the Magi," choir; "Patrol Lord Jesus," chorus Miss Marion Weber, Mrs. David Brown, Mrs. James Burt, Mrs. John Walters, Mrs. John Turnbull, Miss Wilma Thompson, Mrs. James Cathers, Miss Elizabeth Rankin and Miss Martha Ritchie.

"Hallelujah," choir and duet, Mrs. David Brown and Miss Annie Rankin; "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne," solo, Miss Verna Miller; "The Music of Bethlehem," choir; benediction; response.

Other members taking part are the Misses Dorothy Wilson, Betha Johnson, Betty Ann Cooper, Ann Dudley, Mrs. Ralph Hawley, Flora Cook and Peggy Arnold.

Maryland Theater Will Show Movies of Police and Firemen's Ball

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Removal Notice

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Theaters

"Government Girl" Coming to Liberty

Combining romance and laughter with a graphic portrait of our national capital in wartime, RKO Radio's "Government Girl" stars Olivia de Havilland and features Sonny Tufts in one of the season's gayest film offerings. The picture starts Christmas day at the Liberty theater.

Tufts, making his second appearance on the screen, portrays a two-fisted business executive assigned to an important production job in Washington, while Miss de Havilland, as an experienced secretary, tries to keep him out of trouble.

The result is plenty of complications, which are said to make the picture musically entertaining. The supporting cast includes such favorites as Anne Shirley, Jess Barker, James Dunn, Paul Stewart, Agnes Moorehead and Una O'Connor.

"Heals On" Will Open At Maryland Tomorrow

Advance notice on "The Heat's On", Columbia's musical extravaganza opening at the Maryland theater on Thursday lists a cast, besides the stars Mae West, Victor Moore and William Gaxton, of featured players who will keep audiences warm whether any other form of heat is on or not.

There's Xavier Cugat and his Rhumba Orchestra; there's songstress and piano playing whiz, Hazel Scott together with the high trump of trumpeters, Leonard Sines; lovely, warming Mary Roche; David Lichine, actor, dance originator and director extraordinary; Lester Allen, Alan Dinehart, Lloyd Bridges, Agnes Moorehead, Sam Ash, Jack Owens and Lila Romay.

Added to these hot ingredients, there are six songs by some of Hollywood's better known composers.

Brian Donlevy Stars In Garden Picture

Opening today at the Garden theater is "A Gentleman After Dark", starring Brian Donlevy and Miriam Hopkins. The cast of this melodrama includes Preston Foster, Harold Huber and Gloria Holden. The co-feature at the Garden today is "She Has What It Takes", a comedy with music starring Jinx Falkenburg, Tom Neal and Joe King.

Victory Party Held On Ghostly Film Set

Perhaps the biggest single bit of Hollywood celebrating over the Italian army's unconditional surrender was on a set of Columbia's studios, where an All-American cast was at work on "The Return of the Vampire", the chiller-diller starting tomorrow at the Embassy theater.

The unusual thing about this cast is that virtually every member was born on foreign soil, although most of the players now are naturalized United States citizens. When the word of Italy's fall, got noised

STAMPS HONOR YOUNG PRINCESSES



SOMETHING NEW in the world of philately appeared recently in New Zealand and resulted in collectors spending \$150,000 on stamps in record time. The occasion was the release of stamps bearing the likenesses of Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose, of England.

around, cast and crew immediately laid plans for an impromptu victory party on the set. Director Lewis Landers, who only recently returned to Hollywood after active duty as a marine captain, was heartily in favor.

GARSON AND LUKAS WIN FILM AWARDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (AP)—The performances of Greer Garson in "Random Harvest" and Paul Lukas in "Watch on the Rhine" were described tonight by the Film Daily on the basis of a poll, as the best on the American screen in 1943.

Newspaper, magazine, syndicate news service and radio critics and reviewers participated in the balloting.

Second place in the young for best performance by a feminine star went to Ingrid Bergman for her portrayal in "For Whom the Bell Tolls." Miss Bergman's acting in "Casablanca" also gave her a tie for third place with Joan Fontaine in "The Constant Nymph." Claudette Colbert in "So Proudly We Hail" was fifth.

James Cagney's performance in "Yankee Doodle Dandy" was listed as second best in the male category. Ronald Colman in "Random Harvest" took third place; Gary Cooper in "For Whom the Bell Tolls," fourth, and Humphrey Bogart in "Casablanca," fifth.

Sam Wood won the best direction title for his "For Whom the Bell Tolls." Noel Coward was second for "In Which We Serve"; Clarence Brown, third, for "The Human Comedy"; Mervyn Le Roy, fourth, for "Random Harvest," and Alfred Hitchcock, fifth, for "Shadow of a Doubt."

Jack Jenkins in "The Human

Comedy" was listed as giving the best performance by a juvenile actor, and Margaret O'Brien's performance in "Journey for Margaret" was chosen as best among feminine juveniles.

Selected for "finds" of the year were Sonny Tufts, Dorothy McGuire, Katina Paxinou, Susan Peters, Robert Walker and Joseph Cotten.

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to me that I must do everything as I see fit."

Andrea fell back upon her pillow and shoved her hair back from her forehead. Drops of perspiration glistened in her face and again she wet her lips. She looked spent.

"This isn't easy for me," she said, closing her eyes. "Some day you'll know what it means to make a sacrifice. Of course I'm happy that

Jim is alive and well, but I was not prepared. You see, Beth, I'm trying not to be selfish. You think I'm just thinking of myself, but I'm not."

"No?" Beth asked grimly. "No, my dear, not if you will look at this reasonably. It will seem to you that many things which were meant to be can be now. I There's you to consider now, and Dennis, too. Doesn't it seem to you that it's Fate that Dennis would be getting a divorce now? Dennis, who has always wanted to marry me? And that Jim should be given to you?"

Beth's face was almost green with the sudden sickness that well-ed up in her.

She went to the door and opened it. "I know you'll do it, Beth—for all of us. Good night, darling."

Beth went out without saying anything.

She went downstairs, got her hat and coat and let herself out of the house.

The clock on the mantle struck four as the door closed behind her. It was striking seven when she returned to the house and went

into the kitchen to make herself some coffee.

Cook was there preparing breakfast.

"Mah goodness, Miz Kinnan, you look all tuckered out. What you doin' out so early in the mornin'?"

Beth sat down at the kitchen table and took off her shoes. "I've been walking for three hours. Walking is a good way to think. Cookie. When you're out alone in the day-break, you find that you can do things you never thought you could. You can fight for what you want, even though you've never fought for anything before."

"You fightin', Miz Kinnan? Ah, doan believe you could!"

"Oh, yes I can!" Beth put her shoes on again and went upstairs and knocked at Andrea's door.

"Come in," Andrea called.

"I've come to give you my terms, Andrea."

Andrea pulled the blanket over her shivering shoulders and waited.

"I have decided to go to California and see Jim. I shall tell him a story. Jim will give you a divorce, but Jim will have custody of Bess. I'll see that my story will guarantee that. Jim and I. I will bring up Bess. You can contribute what-

ever you wish. I'll see that she has the luxuries. You and Dennis will have other children. This child will belong to Jim and me. Do you understand?"

Andrea could make no answer. Her chattering teeth made an eerie sound in the silence of the room.

"I can't get away until this afternoon, but I will go to Dennis when my work is done and ask him to manage to get me a seat on a west-bound plane tomorrow."

Without another glance at the girl in the bed, Beth walked out of the room.

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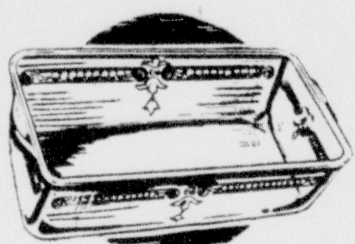
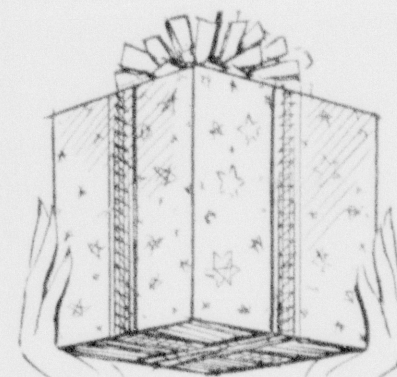
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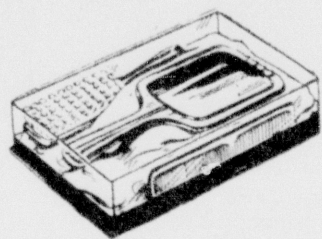
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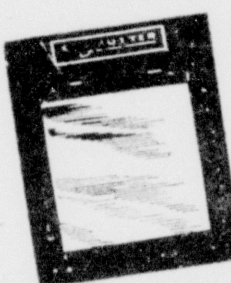
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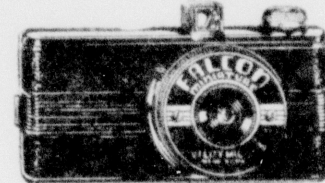
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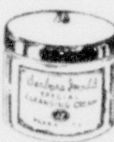
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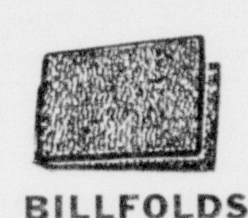
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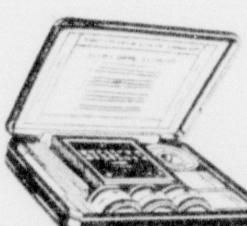


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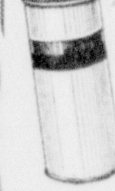
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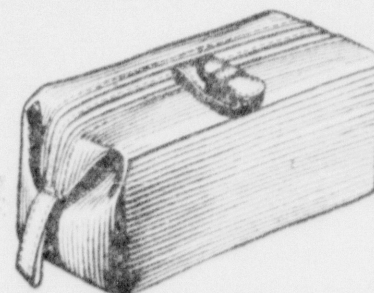
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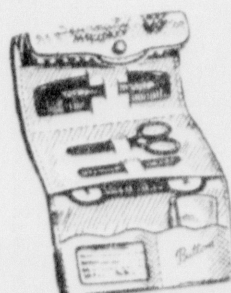


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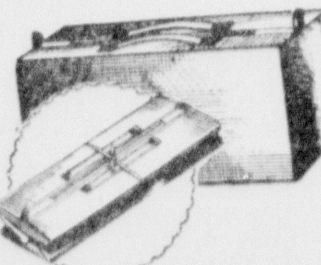
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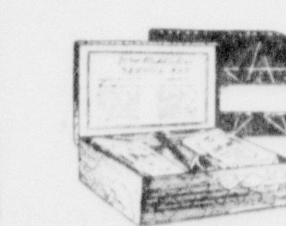
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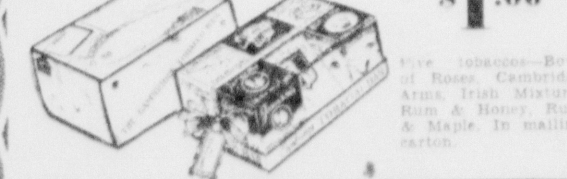
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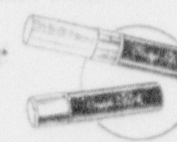
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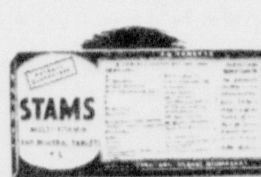
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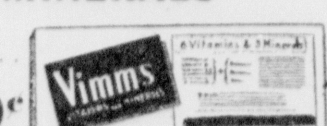
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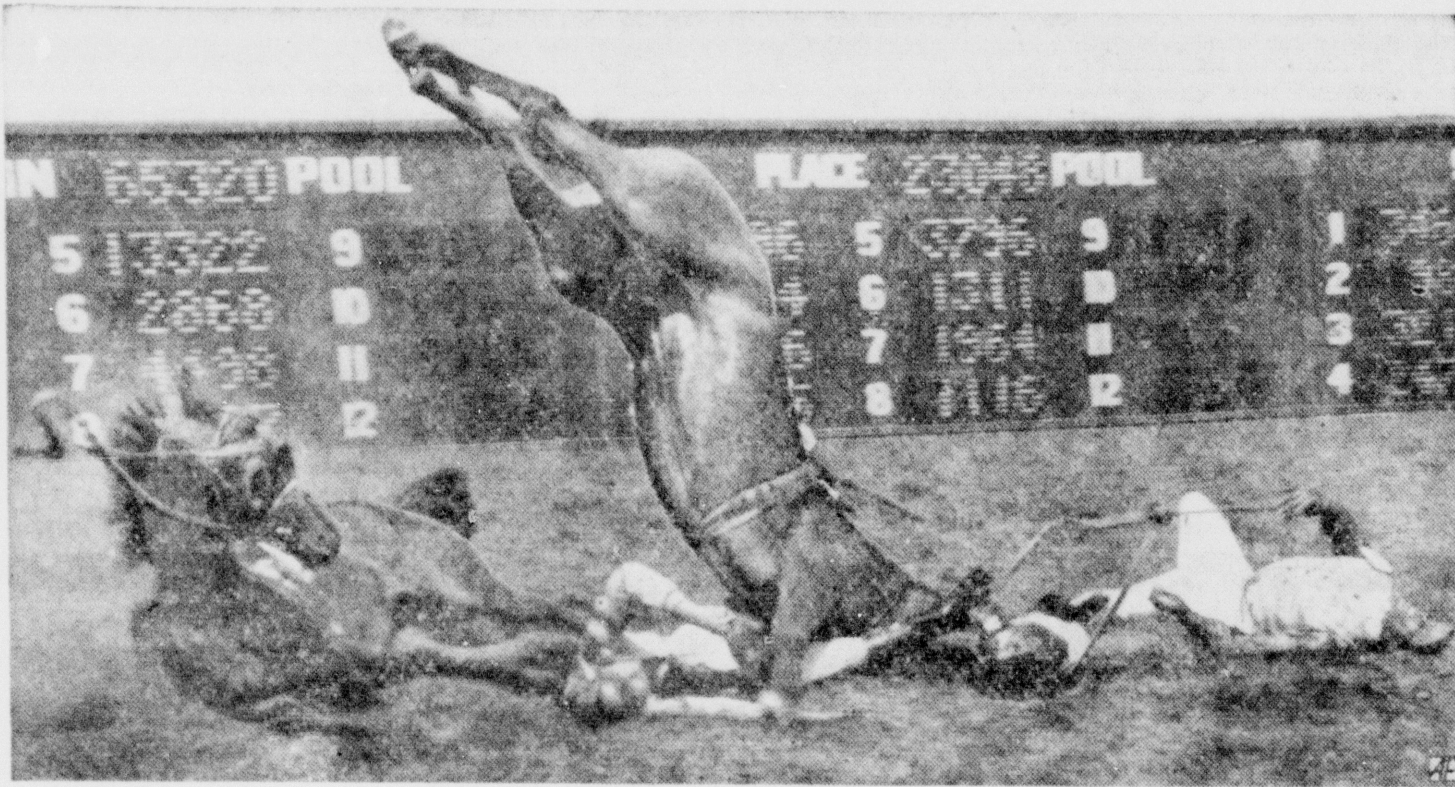
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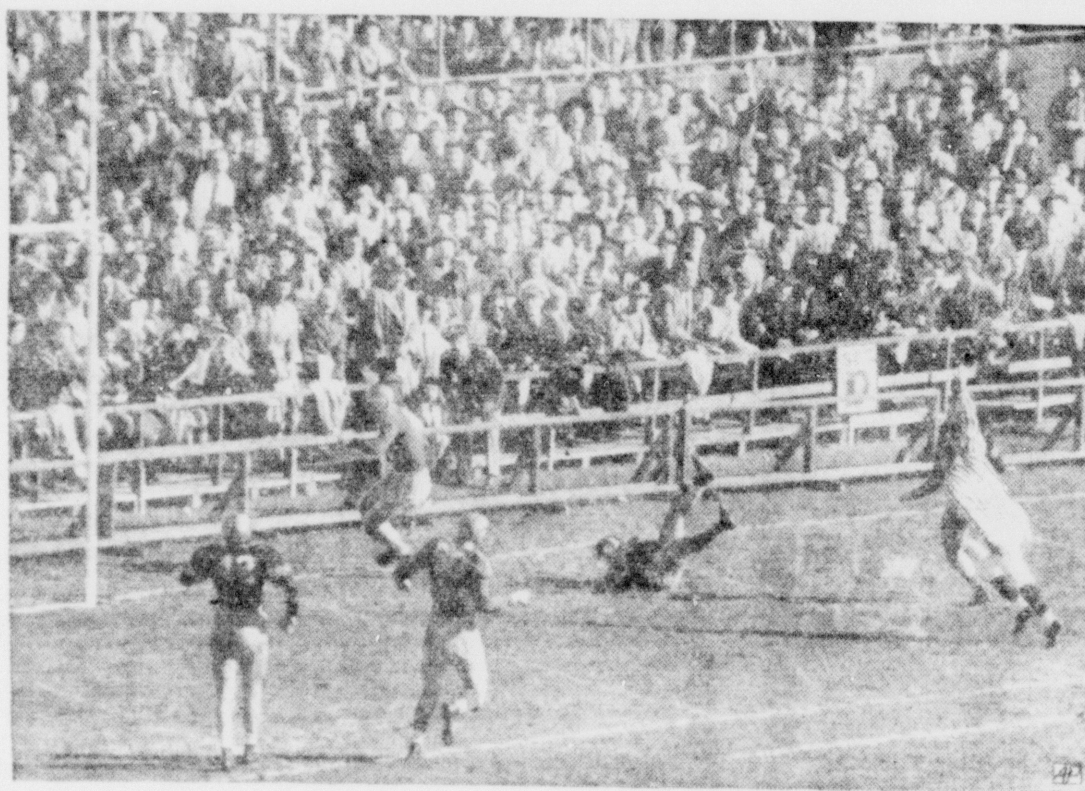
STOPPING A SCORE—Bob Kurland, 7-foot center of the Oklahoma Aztecs, effectually blocks a Westminster field goal in a game at Buffalo, N. Y., by simply jumping up and tapping the ball away. The year saw the Phillips 66 team of Bartlesville, Okla., crowned as National AAU champions, while St. John's of Brooklyn won the New York invitation meet.



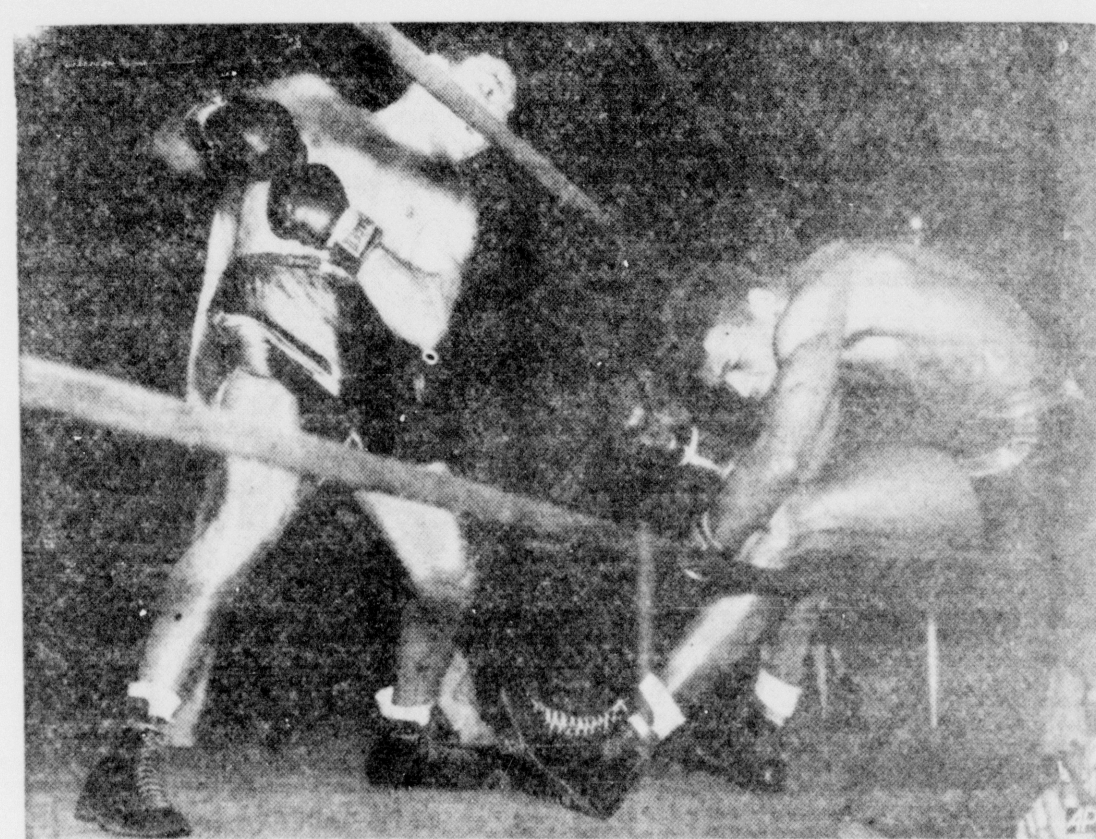
DOUBLE SPILL AT HURDLE—Briansan (left) and Mor-Luc, entered in a hurdle race at Belmont, figured in this spectacular spill—without injury. Jockeys Sid O'Neill (center) and M. Coakley also got off without serious harm.



LOUIS TOURS CAMPS—Many noted athletes wore the khaki or blue, among them Champion Joe Louis (left), shown squaring off with Bob Pastor during a tour of Army camps. Joe DiMaggio, Yankee star, joined the Army.



IRISH TRIUMPH OVER ARMY—End zone customers at Yankee Stadium went into a frenzy when Johnny Yonakor, Notre Dame end, hit pay dirt after taking John Lujack's pass for the first Irish touchdown against Army. Notre Dame went on to win, 26-0, and gain No. 1 national ranking among college teams, losing only to Great Lakes Naval Training Station.



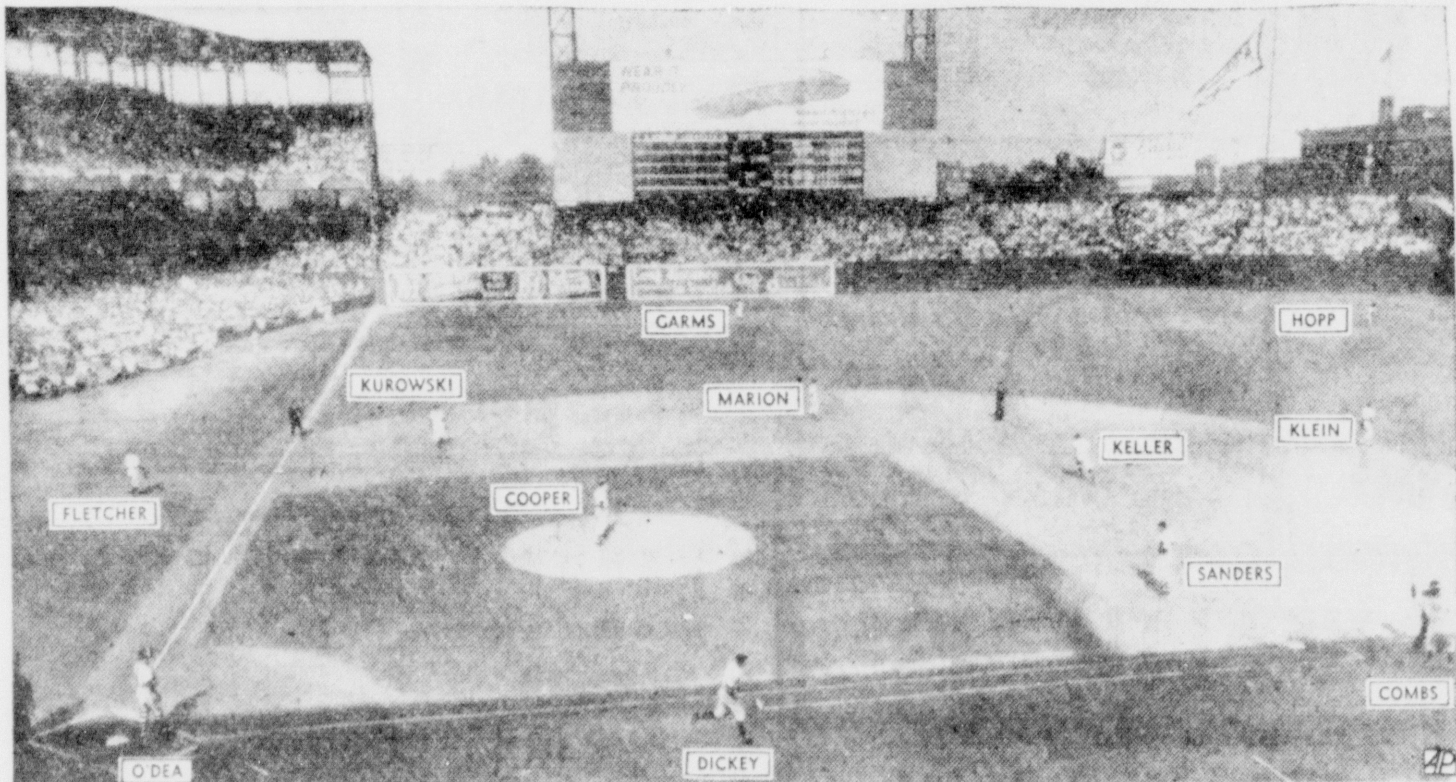
'SUGAR' TAKES A SOCK—Jake La Motta (left) knocks Ray (Sugar) Robinson through the ropes in their Detroit fight which saw Ray defeated for first time in 41 pro bouts.



HAEGG SHOWS AMERICA—Gunder Haegg, Swedish distance runner (right), smiles at a remark by Greg Rice, U. S. middle distance champion, as Haegg arrives in New York to start his American invasion. After 65 straight victories, Rice ran second to Haegg in the AAU 5,000-meter, and Haegg beat this country's best at both one and two miles.



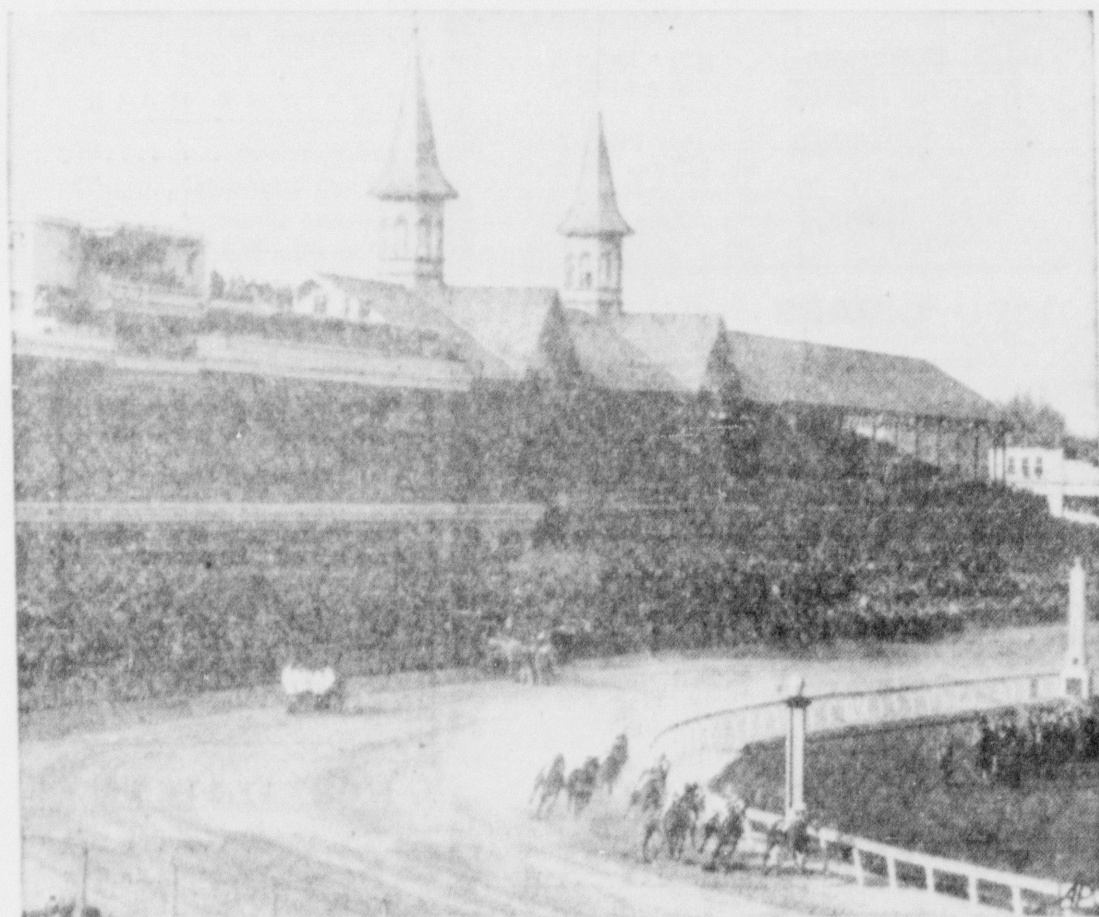
BANNED—William D. Cox (above), president of the Phils, was barred from organized baseball for life by Judge K. M. Landis for alleged wagering on the club's games.



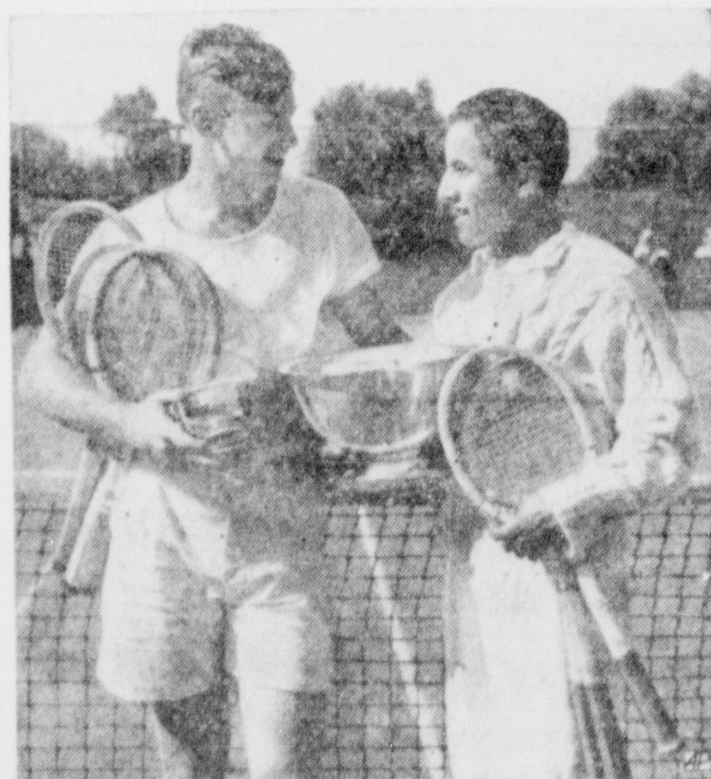
PAY-OFF HOMER IN WORLD SERIES—Mort Cooper, Cardinal pitcher, watches Bill Dickey's homer go into the stands at Sportsman's Park, St. Louis, giving the Yankees a winning 2-0 margin in the fifth and deciding game of the world series.



CHAMP—Craig Wood (above) of Mamaroneck, N. Y., retained his "duration" open golf title, won in 1941, as a second season passed without a renewal of the links classic.



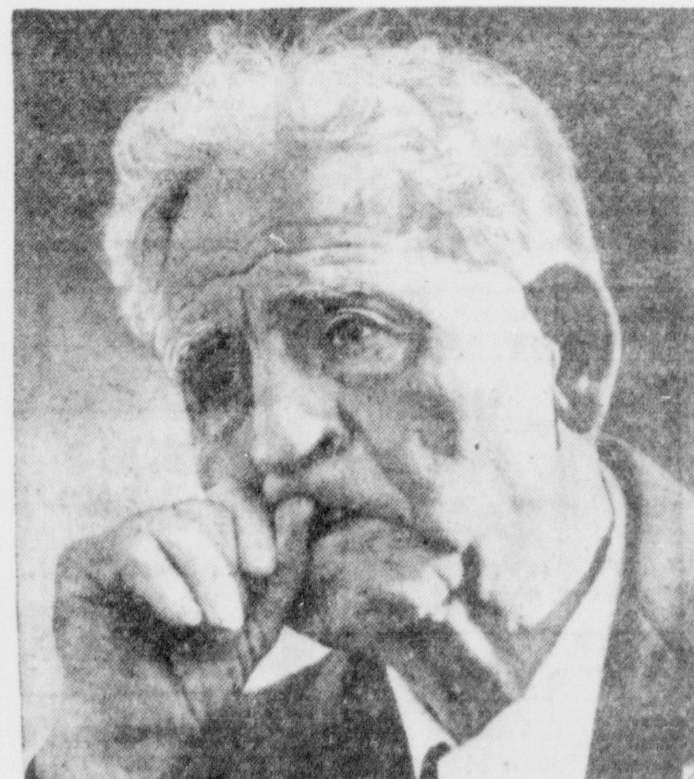
COUNT FLEET WINS DERBY—Leading field at first turn of Kentucky Derby is Count Fleet, "horse of the year" and winner of Derby, Preakness, Belmont Stakes and Withers.



TENNIS STARS—Defeated by Francisco Segura (right) of Ecuador in the Eastern grass court tennis meet, Lieut. Joe Hunt, USN (left), came back to win the National singles at Forest Hills and gain No. 1 ranking.



DEPOSED—Adolph Kiefer (above), longtime backstroke champion, lost his crown to Harry Holiday of Michigan when the latter swam 200 meters in 2 minutes, 22.9 seconds.



MAN OF THE YEAR—Eighty-one-year-old Amos Alonzo Stagg, shown during a harried moment for his College of the Pacific football team, was voted the sport's "man of the year."

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Bruce High Tops Ridgeley, 18-16, In Slow Contest

Claude Ravenscroft Sparks
Westernport Quint to
Second Victory

WESTERNPORT, Dec. 21.—"Chip" Grindle's Bruce high basketballers racked up one more field goal than the Ridgeley (W.Va.) High Blackhaws here tonight and won the game, 18-16, for their second victory in three starts this season.

It was a slow affair all the way with both teams off in their shooting. The setback was the first for the Blackhaws, who opened last week with a victory over Alumni. The figures were deadlocked 4-4 at the quarter but the rest of the play, Bruce was in front, leading 13-6 at the half and 15-12 at the close of the third stanza.

Bruce, which made seven fielders to Ridgeley's six, was led in scoring by Claude Ravenscroft, who snared three doubleheaders. Jim Phillips accounted for half of the Blackhaws' twin-pointers. The lineups:

BRUCE	G.	F.G.	Pts.
Ravenscroft, f.	2	0-1	2
Grindle, f.	1	1-2	2
Phillips, f.	1	0-0	0
Conley, g.	2	2-2	4
Conley, g.	1	1-2	2
Kordeck, sub	0	0-0	0
Totals	7	4-7	18

RIDGELEY	G.	F.G.	Pts.
Grindle, f.	2	0-2	0
Phillips, f.	1	1-2	2
Phillips, f.	1	0-0	0
Phillips, f.	1	1-1	2
Phillips, f.	1	0-0	0
Phillips, f.	1	0-0	0
Totals	6	4-8	16

Referee—H. Miers.

Tommy Thomas Assumes Third Job with Orioles

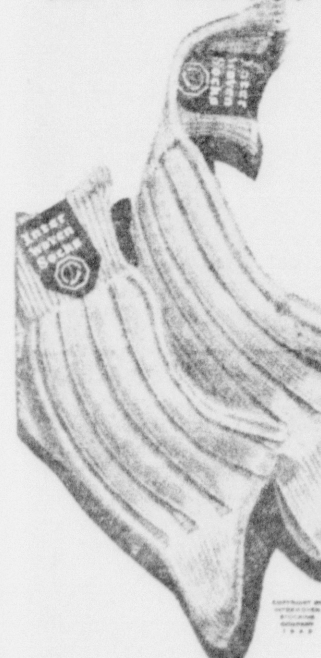
BALTIMORE, Dec. 21 (AP)—Tommy Thomas assumed his third job with the Baltimore Orioles baseball club today after the board of directors elected him general manager.

Thomas will continue as manager and vice president and will succeed Charley Knapp as general manager of the International League team.

The directors also named Herb Armstrong, formerly assistant general manager, to the new position of club business manager.

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Keyser Tornado Tops Fort Ashby In Opening Game

Clevenger and Dye Lead
Clarkmen to 46 to 25
Triumph

FORT ASHBY, W. Va., Dec. 21.—Fred "Tank" Clark's Keyser High Golden Tornado cagers opened their 1943-44 basketball campaign by easily defeating Ben Simoncelli's Fort Ashby high tossers, 46-25, in an afternoon game here today.

Sparked by Jim Clevenger, regular center last season when Bob Kyle developed a strong outfit at Keyser, and Bob Dye, a second-year man, the Tornado led from start to finish with the second and third strings seeing as much service as the starters. Clevenger was the game's top scorer with a dozen points while Dye was close behind with eleven.

According to Coach Simoncelli, Keyser's tall, rangy combination will be hard to beat in the Potomac Valley conference and the local mentor admitted that his Fort Ashby boys were out of their class.

Keyser grabbed a 14-5 lead in the opening stanza and was out in front 26-10 at the half and 37-16 at the close of the third period. Charles Whitacre and Joe Powell shared fourteen of the losers' tallies. It was Fort Ashby's fifth straight defeat.

In the preliminary, the Keyser junior high quint nosed out the Fort Ashby junior high combination, 19-17, rallying in the final quarter to win. The lineups of the main game:

FORT ASHBY	G.	F.G.	Pts.
Dye, f.	1	0-1	0
Whitacre, f.	1	0-1	0
C. Powell, g.	1	1-2	2
J. Powell, g.	1	1-2	2
Kerrin, g.	0	0-0	0
Linn, sub	0	0-0	0
Clayton, sub	1	1-1	2
Bohrer, sub	0	0-0	0
May, sub	0	0-0	0
Larson, sub	0	0-0	0
Totals	10	5-17	25

KEYSER	G.	F.G.	Pts.
Dye, f.	2	0-1	0
Clevenger, f.	1	1-1	2
Boyer, g.	1	1-1	2
Boyer, g.	1	1-1	2
Boyer, g.	1	1-1	2
Hartman, sub	0	0-0	0
Shaffer, sub	1	0-0	0
Boyer, sub	0	0-0	0
Boyer, sub	1	1-2	2
Johnson, sub	0	0-0	0
Totals	11	4-12	46

Referee—Miers.

Moorefield High Wallops Mathias

MOOREFIELD, W. Va., Dec. 21.—In a one-sided but rough battle, the Moorefield High Yellow Jackets walloped Mathias high passers, 49-11, here tonight for their second straight triumph.

The Jackets got away to a 14-4 lead in the opening stanza as "Pete" Vance connected for four of his nine field goals, and were on top 23-7 at the half and 45-8 at the end of the third period. Moorefield's reserves saw service during most of the last half.

Referee Frye called a total of thirty-seven personal fouls with Don Smith and Lowell Dodd, of Moorefield, and Wood, of Mathias, fouling out.

Vance topped all scorers with eighteen points while Warren Roomsburg, starting his first game this season at forward, connected for nine tallies. Detrick, Garrett and Wood accounted for Mathias's three doubleheaders.

In the preliminary, the Moorefield Junior League outfit turned back the Mathias Junior League, 27-11. The lineups:

MOOREFIELD	G.	F.G.	Pts.
Vance, f.	8	0-10	0
Roomsburg, f.	0	0-0	0
Keller, g.	0	0-0	0
H. Hallerman, g.	0	0-0	0
B. Hallerman, g.	0	0-0	0
Bean, sub	2	0-0	0
Smith, sub	1	1-1	2
Butson, sub	0	0-0	0
Hartman, sub	0	0-0	0
Boyer, sub	1	0-0	0
Dodd, sub	1	0-0	0
Pink, sub	1	0-0	0
Totals	20	0-10	2

MATHIAS	G.	F.G.	Pts.
Detrick, f.	1	2-2	4
Garrett, f.	0	0-0	0
Tuning, g.	0	0-0	0
Wood, g.	1	0-0	0
Punkhouse, g.	0	0-0	0
Duckwall, sub	0	0-0	0
Smith, sub	0	0-0	0
Totals	3	2-2	4

Referee—Frye.

Lightweight Boxer Dies after Knockout

CHICAGO, Dec. 21 (AP)—Al Reasoner, 23-year-old lightweight boxer, died in Columbus hospital today, about five hours after he suffered a technical knockout in a ten-round boxing bout last night with Freddie Dawson, of Chicago.

Reasoner, who had been boxing professionally since October 1942, was unconscious when he was carried from the ring in the tenth round, died without regaining consciousness, said Dr. E. J. Buchan, of the Illinois Athletic Commission. Dr. Buchan, who said the cause of the young boxer's death was cerebral hemorrhage, announced an inquest would be held. He termed death "an accident."

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Receipts from Bowl Games Will Be Shared with War Charities

By HAROLD CLAASSEN

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (AP)—College football, permitted to exist through the courtesy of the Navy department last fall, will try to pay back the debt from the gate receipts of the Jan. 1 bowl games.

The largest contribution will come from the Rose Bowl where \$45,000 will be skimmed off the top of the gross receipts and will be used for the improvement of recreational opportunities and facilities for men in the armed services overseas.

Washington and Southern California, the two events chosen to entertain the expected 96,000 fans, and other schools in the Coast conference will share in the remainder of the money.

Randolph Field, Texas, rival in the Cotton Bowl, is donating its entire purse to the Army Air Forces Emergency Society and the Bowl committee is staging a drive to raise enough funds for the purchase of 12,000 tickets for service men.

Sun Bowl Purse earmarked
New Mexico university and South-

Mack, Nearing 81, Entertains Press

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21 (AP)—

Spry enough to assume a catcher's stance that Bill Dickey might envy, Connie Mack held his annual levee for the press today, and nobody would have believed that he'll be 81 in two days.

It was a sort of now-it-can-be-told session in the circular Shibe park office with the trophies of forty-nine rich baseball years on all sides.

Mr. Baseball recalled, among other things, how he could have had Babe Ruth and Ernie Shore for nothing. How he bought Chief Bender for \$100—but still doesn't think the great Indian pitcher was his greatest bargain.

Ruth and Shore, the old gentleman disclosed with a gleam of amusement in his mild blue eyes, were offered to him by Jack Dunn, owner of the Baltimore club.

"That Ruth was a great pitcher in those days, too," he said. "But I told Jack he needed the money they would bring, and I wasn't in a position to offer what they were worth. So they went to the Boston Red Sox."

All this was during the break-up of the great 1914 Athletics. But his greatest bargain? "Jimmy Fox," said the patriarch of Philadelphia without hesitation. "He cost me \$2,000, stayed with me a long time and brought a considerably higher price when I sold him."

Looking into the future, then, for he's still ready to jam his six-foot-three into a lower berth and be the first up for breakfast, Mr. Mack said Al Simmons, released last season by the Boston Red Sox, will return to the A's next spring as third base coach.

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DAILY DOUBLE—170.60 for 2.60.
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FOURTH—Transfer, 32.50, 14.70, 5.40; Cherbourg, 11.80, 6.80; Bruke, 4.30.
FIFTH—Happy Lark, 13.10, 6.80, 3.80; Johnny, 2.50, 4.00; Buy Nine, 5.70.
SIXTH—Shiny Penny, 35.90, 13.60, 7.80; Charitable, 17.70, 17.50; Pay, 6.60.
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FOURTH—Vidua, Albert, 5.40, 4.20, 4.80; Mary Lando, 4.20, 6.20; Hard Pace, 5.80.
FIFTH—Pop's Pick, 4.60, 3.40, 2.40; Old Weather, 3.80, 3.80; Hayheart, 2.60.
SIXTH—Darryl Divot, 8.60, 3.80, 7.60; Birlanah, 13.20, 4.20; Darryl Divot, 3.00.
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FIRST RACE—Channing, Black Flame, Lacoste, Top Note, Dominga, Powerhouse.
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Yanks Are Named Top Team of Year

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (AP)—The

Great Lakes football club, only aggregation to defeat Notre Dame last fall, received a single third place vote in the Associated Press poll to determine 1943's outstanding team but made it possible for baseball to gain the top honor for the twelfth straight year.

The New York Yankees, World Series winner of 1943, and Notre Dame received thirty-two first place votes each but the Yankees garnered more ballots for second and third to finish with 168 points as compared to the 166 for the Irish.

Each first place vote meant three points. Two were given for second and one for third. Eighty sports editors participated in the poll. Oddly enough, the Great Lakes basketball team received more votes than did the Sailors' grid machine.

The University of Illinois basketball team grabbed the third rung with the Chicago Bears fourth. The St. Louis Cardinals, last year's top team, skidded all the way to eighth place.

Armstrong May Start Comeback Next Month

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21 (AP)—Henry Armstrong, one-time triple titleholder, hopes to start another ring comeback when he fights Aldo Spoldi, Northwest welterweight, in Portland, Ore., in early January. No date has been set.

Armstrong's manager, George Moore, said the Los Angeles fighter would resume training for a circuit tour.

Armstrong once held featherweight, welterweight and lightweight titles simultaneously.

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Venzke, Mile Ace, Declares He Has Definitely Quit

Former Olympic Team Star
Is Army Field Machinist Now

READING, Pa., Dec. 21 (AP)—Gene Venzke, one of the great milers, has quit the cinder track—this time positively, he says—and has taken up golf.

The former Olympic team star said the same thing last year but was back on the boards last month. Now he's at a tool maker's lathe at the army air field here and he's getting old for a miler.

Thirty-five now, he says he'd "like to keep on running but the training grind is too punishing."

Venzke stops at a country club on his way home from work for nine holes of golf nearly every day and boasts a recent three under par.

The former University of Pennsylvania miler's last race was in Chicago in March when he was nosed out by Lee Eisenhart, of Ohio State, in a 1,000-yard event.

The greatest runner of all? Venzke's selection is Glenn Cunningham, the Kansan who often matched strides with him.

"When that guy wanted to run and was feeling good, he was unbeatable," Venzke declared.

"And I should know, he beat me twenty times."

Champions of 1943

Golf

Tam O' Shanter open: Harold McSpaden, Philadelphia. Amateur: Dale Morey, Martinsville, Ind. Women: Patty Berg, Minneapolis.

North-South open—Men (over 35): Bobby Cruickshank, Richmond, Va. Women: Dorothy Kirby, Atlanta. Amateur: Harry Kirt, Jr., Phoenix, Ariz.

Chicago Victory National open—Sam Byrd, Philadelphia.

United States senior—Ellis Knowles, New York.

Golden Valley Invitation bestball—Craig Wood, New York and Jimmy Demaret, Detroit.

Western women's open—Patty Berg, Amateur Dorothy Germain, Philadelphia.

COLLEGE

National Intercollegiate—Individual: Wallace Ulrich, Carleton College, Team: Yale.

Big Ten Conference—Ben Smith, Michigan, and Jim Telle, Minnesota, co-champs. "Team: Michigan."

Southwest—Bill Boden, Texas. "Team: Texas."

Pacific Coast—Northern Division: Ernie Jacobs, Washington. "Team: Washington."

Eastern Intercollegiate—Navy.

Gymnastics

All-Around—Men: Arthur E. Pitt, Swiss Gym, Society, Union City, N. J. Women: Pearl Nightingale, Philadelphia Turners.

Handball

Four-wall softball—"Singles: Joseph Platak, Lake Shore A. C. Chicago. Doubles: Harold Smith and Joseph Gordon, Pacific Coast Club."

Ice Hockey

Stanley cup—Detroit. National Hockey League—Detroit. American League—Buffalo. Eastern amateur—Curtis Bay Coast Guard Cutters. (Retains title.)

From Short to Tank

PHILADELPHIA—Sergt. Harold (Ace) Miller, of Philadelphia, property of the Phillies, is a tank commander "somewhere in the Pacific." He's a shortstop.

Dumont Favors Reverse Gear On Base Running

Baffer Could Have Choice
of Going to First Base
or Third

By WHITNEY MARTIN

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (AP)—We are a little afraid our friend, Ray Dumont, the Wichita wizard has become involved in a revolving door or been nudged under the chin by one of his leaping microphones. His latest idea even makes you dizzy just to think about it.

Dumont is the daddy of the National Semi-Pro Baseball Congress, and also of such intriguing innovations as dual-proof umpires, thanks to a gadget that automatically sweeps the plate, the microphone which sprouts when a player sneezes, the mike snooding up out of the ground to carry the player's squawks to the grandstand, and other ideas.

Up to now, however, he has let the rules alone, but sooner or later such an inventive mind was bound to get around to them. He's starting out moderately enough on revising the playing code. All he wants to do first is to allow the batter the choice of running either to first base or third base.

In that way, he figures, the fielders would be kept on their toes, wondering where to throw the ball, and the game would offer such novelties as two players trying to steal second at the same time from different directions. In other words, he would put a reserve gear on the base running.

The complications that might follow such an innovation are almost too dizzy to contemplate. He says he's going to stage an experimental game of this nature at the opening of the 1944 semi-pro congress next Aug. 11, and we await the result with interest.

We would like, though, to see Dumont out there playing second base with six men on base, three going in each direction, while he fielded a hopper and tried to figure out who was going where, and why.

Oh, well, they laughed at the Wright brothers, too, and all they were trying to do was make one man go up in the air. Dumont would make a whole team go right, left, backwards and forwards and up in the air as well.

Speaking of baseball, if the above can be termed that, the following, written by the Rev. George Grundy, one of the repatriated prisoners who reached Britain from Germany, appeared in the London Daily Mail.

"Baseball has become the greatest organized game in the German prison camps today. At first, when the American prisoners came and started to play it, our fellows used to laugh. Then they were interested, too, though they didn't like to admit it. Gradually, almost furtively their interest took a practical turn. They began to learn the rules. Soon they were as enthusiastic as the Americans. Now they even beat the Americans at it."

Rev. Grundy also tells of a time when arrangements for an earlier

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reparation tell through. He relates the men were drawn up in a square and the German officer announced: "The repatriation will not take place. You will return to camp."

"I looked around the crowd and saw the stunned disillusion on the faces of the men," Rev. Grundy reports. "I wondered how they were taking it. Then a voice told me Someone shouted:

"Oh, to ——— with the ——— war. Let's get back to our baseball!"

And still speaking of baseball, Sgt. Ernie Slaughter, former St. Louis Cardinal outfield star now physical instructor at the San Antonio, Tex., aviation cadet center, says he had a "bad year" with the center baseball team last season. "Only hit 408," he explains apologetically.

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Liquor Hoarding By Baltimore's Stores Revealed

Inspectors Discover More than 74,000 Quarts in Back Rooms

BALTIMORE, Dec. 21 (AP)—Inspectors of the Baltimore Board of Liquor License Commissioners, who made a survey of package goods stores to determine how extensive the liquor shortage was, discovered more than 74,000 quarts of whiskey stored in back rooms, the board reported today.

The three-day survey covered 129 stores, or slightly more than a third of the better than 300 package goods dealers in the city, the liquor board said, declaring the check showed definite hoarding on the part of some dealers.

6,205 Cases Found
The inspectors looked only for rye and bourbon and reported that most proprietors said they were saving the liquor for regular customers or that the whiskey already had been bought or ordered.

Exactly 6,205 cases of rye and bourbon were found in the 129 stores by the inspectors, who first posed as customers but who disclosed their official capacity when refused a purchase on the ground the store had none for sale.

The liquor board said that in only nine stores was the owners' denial of having any whiskey for sale confirmed by the inspectors.

In at least three instances, the report added, the inspectors could have purchased rye or bourbon provided they were willing to pay "a little more" than the ceiling price.

The names of these establishments were turned over to the board for possible prosecution by the Office of Price Administration.

No Action Now Possible

One proprietor denied having any whiskey, but inspectors found 350 cases in a back room. Sixteen other such stores were looked over after proprietors said "no whiskey for sale," and in each instance a hundred or more cases were found, the inspectors said.

One liquor board member declared that the high cost of whiskey cannot be attributed wholly to the store owners, explaining that some wholesalers are asking a "bonus" for deliveries, which dealers pay and pass on to consumers willing to pay "a little extra."

The board member also said that at present no action can be taken against the places which refused to sell.

Two Wars, One Set Of Photographs

TULSA, Okla., Dec. 21 (AP)—The Rev. Guy Tietzke marched with him the same photos of his wife and daughter that he carried all through World War I. His daughter, Harriet, was a baby during the World War I. Now she is married and has a daughter of her own and so that picture, too, has been added to the collection in Mr. Tietzke's billfold. He is a first lieutenant in the chaplain corps.

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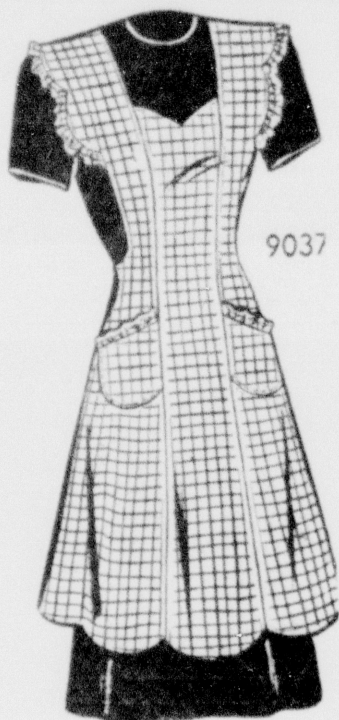
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(Changes in programs as listed due to corrections by networks made too late to incorporate.)

8:30—Just Plain Bill, Dramatic—nbc
The Jack Armstrong Serial—blu-eas
The Sea Hound's repeat—blu-west
The Land, Trio Singing Along—nbc
Chick Carter, A Boy Detective—mbs
11:00—Front Page Farrell Serial—nbc
News—Sensational America—nbc
American Women, Drama Series—nbc
Serial Series for Kids—mbs-bas
News—Sensational America—nbc
Children's Dramatic Skit, Daily—blu
Quincy Howe and Newsy Time—nbc
Prayer, Comment on the War—nbc
11:30—Lyn Murray Circus, Orch.—nbc
Capt. Tim Healy's Spy Stories—blu
Laurie and Oliver with Songs—nbc
5:30—Jack Armstrong Serial—blu-west
Jett Sullivan & Her Song Show—nbc
News, Time and Volney Burt—nbc
4:45—Bill Stern and Sports Spot—nbc
Lowell Thomas on News—blu-bas
Capt. Midnight in repeat—blu-west
World News and Commentary—nbc
Repeat of Kidder Serial—mbs-bas
7:00—Fred Waring's Time—nbc-bas
Organist: The Falcon, Dramatic—blu
1: Love & Mystery, Dramatic—nbc
Fulton Lewis, Jr., Comments—mbs
7:15—World War via Broadcast—nbc
The Johnson Family, A Serial—mbs
7:30—Caribbean Nights Concert—nbc
Lone Ranger, Drama of West—blu
Easy Aces, Show, Drama—nbc-bas
Halls of Montezuma, Marines—nbc
4:45—Katharine and Comment—nbc
8:00—Mr. and Mrs. North, Drama—nbc
News Broadcasting Time, Daily—blu
Sammy Kay & His Orchestra—nbc
Sam Baller Comment on News—mbs
11:00—Lynn and Abner Serial Skit—blu
Fulton Lewis, Jr., Comments—nbc
8:30—Beat the Band, Quiz Show—nbc
The Battle of Britain, Quiz—blu
Joe Bonomo as Dr. Charles—nbc
Navy Guard Orchestra Show—nbc
1:00—30-minute News Period—nbc
9:00—Buddy Canine and Variety—nbc
To Be Announced (9:30 min.)—blu
Lionel Barrymore as the Mayor—nbc
Gabriel Heatter and Comment—nbc
8:15—Gracie Fields and Comedy—nbc
11:00—Lionel Barrymore as the Mayor—nbc
Spotlight Bands, Guest Orchestras—blu
Jack Carson and Variety Show—nbc
Sullivan With Wings, Guests—nbc
8:30—Harry Warner Sports Time—blu
11:00—Kay Starr Music & Quizzes—nbc
Raymond Scott and Comment—nbc
Great Moments in Music—nbc
To Be Announced (11:30 min.)—nbc
11:00—Lionel Barrymore as the Mayor—nbc
Song Skit and the Songs—nbc
11:00—Morton Downey and Comment—nbc
Skit for a Night, Amateurs—blu
Dancing Music for Bill—nbc
11:00—Lionel Barrymore as the Mayor—nbc
News, Variety, Dance & 2 min.—nbc
Comment, Dance, News & 3 min.—mbs

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Grand Coulee Dam Tops Own Record

GRAND COULEE, Wash., Dec. 21 (AP)—Grand Coulee dam recently smashed its own record for power production when its giant generators ground out 18,000,000 kilowatt hours of electrical energy in one day, dam administrative officials announced.

This was enough, they said, to light every home in the state with seventeen 100-watt lamps, or to operate a washing machine, electric iron, toaster and percolator for every housewife in the state.

Mistaken Identity, No Doubt

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Postman John Vance sought to instruct residents along his route about their zoning numbers. He left a bulletin in one mailbox that read: "Mr. John Doe, 000 Zero Street, Knoxville, Tenn., Zone No. 000."

Halfway down the block the housewife overtook him with the shout: "Hey come back and take this. John Doe doesn't live here and he's not dead."

There are approximately 100 negro colleges in the United States.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY
"The Authority on Authorities"

PARTNER MUST HAVE IT
WHAT A PLAYER did not do, in either the bidding or the play, can be just as informative regarding his holding as something he did. In a case where neither defender had made any bid, if one of them plays about a trick and a half of high cards on early tricks, and an ace remains still out against you, it is virtually a sure thing his partner holds it. If the man who already showed pretty good strength also had the missing ace, he probably would have stuck in some kind of a bid.

After East led the heart 3, the Q going on from dummy and the K covering losing to the A, the declarer took stock. He was Herbert Crosby House, manufacturer of woven felts, of Unionville, Conn., who plays what he calls "ordinary commonsense bridge." It stood him in good stead. Ruffing out the heart 10 with the club 9, he then scored the club A and the J to the K, ready for an.

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Dealer North East-West vulnerable.
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5 Pass 4 Pass 5 Pass

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4. Swarming

5. Dispatch boat

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7. God of pleasure

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21. Marsupial (Aust.)

22. Dance

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25. Railway (Eng.)

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1. Pierce

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3. Line thru a body

4. God of underworld

5. Species of crocus

6. Like a wing

7. Similar

8. Wicked

9. Peasant

10. Shell for ice cream

11. Devour

12. Liquid

13. Paroxysm

14. Exclamation

15. Finnish seaport

16. Conquered

17. Article of food

18. Girl's name

19. Lair

20. Shipworms

21. River in Scotland

22. Chests

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Funeral Notice

ROBERSON—Elijah Clarence, aged 79, husband of the late Martha Ella (Junkins) Roberson, died Sunday, December 19th, at his home, Blaine, W. Va. Friends and relatives will be received at the residence, where funeral services will be held Wednesday, 2 p. m. Interment in Hamlet Cemetery, Kitzmiller. Arrangements by Sharpless Funeral Service, Blaine, W. Va. 12-21-43-TN

LOWERY—Mrs. Annie, aged 85, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Goldie Shroyer, Corrigansville, Md., Monday, December 20th. The body will remain at the residence, where friends and relatives will be received. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, 2 p. m. at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Rev. E. A. Owens, pastor, will officiate. Assisted by Rev. T. W. Kemp. Interment in Porter's Cemetery. Arrangements by Zeigler Funeral Home, 12-22-43-TN

CRONIN—Daniel, aged 88, died Tuesday, December 21st, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. C. Parker, 212 Harrison St. The body will remain at the residence, where friends and relatives will be received. Funeral services will be held Thursday, 9 A. M., at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Interment in Rose Hill Cemetery. Arrangements by Hafer Funeral Service, 12-22-43-TN

WRIGHT—Mrs. Nellie (Porter), aged 55, wife of William Douglas Wright, Eckhart, Md., died Monday, December 20th. The body will remain at the residence, where friends and relatives will be received and funeral services will be held Thursday, 9 A. M., at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Interment in S.S. Peter and Paul's Cemetery. Arrangements by Hafer Funeral Service, 12-22-43-TN

KILPFNER—Mrs. Leah H., aged 48, wife of John G. Kilpfner, 127 Baltimore St., died Monday, December 20th in Allegheny Hospital. The body will remain at Stein's Chapel, Funeral Mass Thursday 9 A. M., at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Interment in S.S. Peter and Paul's Cemetery. Arrangements by Stein's Funeral Service, 12-22-43-TN

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177 FREDERICK ST. CUMBERLAND

Card of Thanks

Monella Trimble and family wish to thank all who showed sympathy during their bereavement, the death of their grandfather and uncle. We thank all for floral tributes, also donations of cash. 12-22-43-TN

I wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness during the long illness and following the death of my dear mother, Mrs. GEORGE L. SLUSS. 12-22-43-TN

2—Automotive

USED CARS at Cumberland's Lowest Prices. M. G. K. Motor Co. 2-26-43-T

1937 NASH "6" 4-door sedan, good tires, heater. Priced low. 1934 Oldsmobile "6" 4-door sedan, good tires, good running condition. M. G. K. Motor Co., 221 Glenn St. Phone 2300. 12-21-43-T

1931 OLDSMOBILE, good tires. Phone 2122-W. 12-21-43-T

1927 NASH, five passenger, low mileage, clean, \$135. Call between 1-5 P. M., 325 Baltimore Ave. 12-21-43-T

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Phone 3834

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4-12-43-T

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And Repaired. New and Used Tires. Goodrich Silvertown Stores, 112 S. Centre. Phone 611. 10-10-43-T

13—Coal For Sale

LUMPY WETZEL COAL CO.
BIG VEIN
Phone 818

J RILEY best big vein coal. Phone 4167. 8-5-43-T

WAKEMAN COAL, big vein and stoker. Phone 4024-F-14. 7-9-43-T

CALORIC COAL for heat circulators, also wood. Phone 3220. 11-22-31-T

GOOD LUMPY COAL. Phone 2105. 11-20-31-T

COLUMBIA ST. Coal Yards. Phone 2604. 11-28-43-T

COAL, good lumpy. Phone 921-J. 11-28-31-T

GRAY & SON Coal Yard, 211 N. Mechanic St., 1871-R. 11-28-31-T

GREENPOINT Coal Yards, big vein coal. Phone 3698-R. 12-1-31-T

WOOD AND COAL. Phone 47-W-2. 12-4-31-T

JOE JOHNS coal. Phone 1634. Yard, 304 S. Centre. 12-11-43-T

STOKER and domestic. Phone 2249-R. 12-12-31-T

CAMPBELL TRANSFER Somerset coal. Phone 2666-J. 12-15-31-T

GOOD LUMPY coal. Phone 2105. 12-22-31-T

15—Electric Work, Fixtures

ELECTRICAL WORK
MOTOR repairing, wiring and fixtures. Queen City Electric Co., 158 Frederick St. Phone 117. 6-6-43-T

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16—Money To Loan

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FIVE ROOMS and bath, strictly modern, all utilities furnished, including screens and blinds, \$65. 120 N. Smallwood. 12-21-43-T

APARTMENT for rent. Call 1258. 12-21-43-T

THREE ROOMS, first floor, \$18. 402 York St. Phone 3500-J. 12-21-31-T

SUNNY three-room apartment. Narrows Park. Phone 4474. 12-21-43-T

22—Furnished Rooms

MODERN BEDROOM, gentleman. Phone 1223-M. 11-4-43-T

TWO FURNISHED rooms, \$10 month, 906 Gay St. 12-19-31-T

NICE BEDROOM. Phone 1739-W. 12-19-31-T

24—Houses For Rent

ATTRACTIVE 5-room modern furnished bungalow, garage, Bowling Green, \$55. H. B. Simpson. 12-12-43-T

FOUR ROOMS, electric, water, \$15 in advance. Phone 2121-R. 12-20-31-T

MODERN six-room bungalow, garage, 704 Gephart Drive. Phone 2759-M. 12-22-31-T

26—For Sale Miscellaneous

CINDERS, free for hauling. Phone 497. 9-30-43-T

RADIOS, bought, sold, repaired, 4304-J, 335 Bedford. 12-4-31-T

Maytag Parts & Service
Wringer Rails, All Makes
CUMBERLAND MAYTAG CO.
31 N. Mechanic St. Phone 848

STOVES To heat room or house. Get ready now for winter. Shonters, 128 N. Centre. 9-10-43-T

ASPHALT ROOFING, 1 ply, 98¢; 2 ply, \$1.35; 3 ply, \$1.85. Liberty Hardware, Phone 550. 9-15-43-T

HEADQUARTERS for Armstrong and Conquest floor covering. All widths. Bargain prices. Shonters, 128 N. Centre. 9-10-43-T

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CHRISTMAS TREES, porch decorations, burlap evergreens. Savage Garden Nursery, Mt. Savage. 11-29-43-T

SPENCER CORSETS individually designed. Mrs. Almeta Allamong Luchs, Phone 3822-M. 11-30-31-T

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Morton Loan Co.

33 Baltimore St.

29—Furniture, Stoves

USED FURNITURE. Millen's, 317 Virginia. 1-6-43-T

STOVE DOORS repaired, 206 Beall Street. 12-22-31-T

30—Building Supplies

GLASS WOOL INSULATION—You will save as much by insulating your attic as any other place. We have the strip insulation that you install between the ceiling joists. Phone 1270.

BUCHANAN LUMBER CO.

32—Help Wanted—Female

GOOD GIRL or middle-aged lady who can go ahead with housework and cooking on farm, no barn work, wages \$12.50 per week. Must give reference. Mrs. R. D. Webber, R.F.D. No. 2, Berlin, Pa. 12-19-31-T

WANTED—Practical nurse to care for elderly gentleman, \$15 weekly. Write Box 842-A, % Times-News. 12-10-43-T

WOMAN OR girl for light housework, 2657-J. 12-20-21-T

WOMAN FOR general housework, references required. Phone Prosbury 292-W. 12-20-21-T

GIRL FOR general housework. Apply 324 Beall St. 12-21-21-T

WOMAN FOR housework, room, board and wages. Write Mrs. R. A. Dorsey, Miller Road, Ridgeley. 12-21-31-T

33—Help Wanted, Male

THE BEST in used furniture. Price's Furniture Exchange, 79 N. Centre. 4-25-43-T

CHRISTMAS TREES, Balsam, Tamarack, Cedar, Wetzels Esso Station, Park and Union Sts.; also vacant lot at Greene and Allegany Sts. 12-12-43-T

O.I.C. and Berkshire pigs, Fred Bierman, McKees Park. 12-15-43-T

CHRISTMAS candy. Norman Doe, across from Y. M. C. A. Phone 800. 12-17-43-T

FRESH COUNTRY dressed chickens 4lb. lb. Delivery 24th. Phone 1235. 12-18-51-T

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS. ZIMMERLYS, 129 Elder St. 1544-J. 12-18-61-T

CANARIES, guaranteed singers. Michael Winstanley, Winchester Road. 12-19-31-T

NEW 22 Winchester, new golf set, party records, combination range, water tank, water heater, penny pitch, bicycle, ice box, electric razor, new gasoline range, electric, rings, watches, 35 mm camera, Silax coffee maker, Allen battery analyzer. Norman Doe, across from Y.M.C.A. Phone 800. 12-19-43-T

TUBE AIRLINE radio, 810 Memorial Ave. 12-21-43-T

26—For Sale Miscellaneous

XMAS TREES, cedar and white pine, 50c and up, 935 Maryland Ave. 12-20-21-T

12 GAUGE double barrel shotgun and 10 boxes of shells, \$75; 15 boxes 12 gauge shells. George Wagner, Potomac Park, Route 5, Cumberland. 12-21-31-T

SMALL TYPE Chihuahua puppies, thoroughbred. Phone 1497-M. 12-21-43-T

BOY'S bicycle, good condition. Phone 4364-R. 12-21-21-T

BOY'S Mackinaws, sizes 12-14; pair white flannel trousers; raincoat; bicycle. Roadmaster, size 26; pair skis. Phone 570-R, 445 N. Centre. 12-21-31-T

ONE REED doll carriage, like new. Call 3107-J. 12-21-43-T

CHILD'S three-piece pig, all wool snow suit, size 3. 514 Regina Ave. 12-21-21-T

REMINGTON #10 office typewriter, thoroughly rebuilt, \$35. Wetzels Esso Station, Park and Union Sts. Phone 818. 12-21-31-T

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TEN-PIECE dining room suite, 208 Fayette St. 12-22-21-T

TWO SCOOTERS balloon tires, \$4.50 each, 411 Columbia St. 12-22-11-T

NATIONAL FURNACE, 25 radiators, L. C. Smith typewriter, 1937 Ford touring sedan. C. A. May, McHenry, Md. 12-22-21-T

CHICKENS, ducks, pork, oranges, grapefruit, tangerines and fancy eating apples, \$2.25 bushel. Cash Market, 235 Henderson Ave. 12-22-31-T

CHILD'S pedal fire truck and rocking swan, 122 Harrison St. 12-22-21-T

28—Furnaces, Heating

HOT AIR and air conditioning, all furnace parts renewed, repair work, spouting. Phone 4330-M. 11-28-31-T

28-A—Florists

FLOWERS, BOPP'S. Phone 2582. 10-17-43-T

46—Radios, Service

PROMPT RADIO service, bring your radio to 20 S. Centre St. Phone 282. 11-21-31-T

47—Real Estate For Sale

SIX-ROOM frame, modern, 211 Emily St. Phone 3802-R. 11-28-31-T

EIGHT ROOMS, modern, central, 912 Bedford. 12-19-31-T

48—Roofing, Spouting

ROOFING, spouting, sheet metal work, warm air heating, air conditioning. Call Twigg, 3362-R. 12-3-31-T

51—Wanted To Buy

WE PAY HIGHEST prices for all makes sewing machines. Singer Sewing Machine Co., 77 N. Centre St. Phone 394. 8-2-43-T

WANTED—Rabbits, 4 pounds up. Shober's Restaurant, Phone 925. 8-3-43-T

Scrap Iron, Metals WANTED HIGHEST PRICES

Beerman Auto Wreckers
153 Wineco St. Phone 2270

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We pay cash for used furniture and appliances. Let us give you an estimate.

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107 N. Centre. Phone 1963-J. 12-13-31-T

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52—Wanted Miscellaneous

WANTED—Celanese riders, 7 to 4.30 shift, Monday through Friday. Phone 3802-W. between 5 and 6 p. m. 12-21-31-T

PRACTICAL NURSES registry. Phone 1861-M. 12-2-43-T

55—Debt Notice
I WILL NOT be responsible for any bills other than those contracted by myself. (Signed) RAYMOND L. ROBERTSON. 12-3-43-Wed

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Records—Music
Musical Instruments

The Music Shop
5-7 S. Liberty St. Phone 3230

38—Lost and Found

LOST—Three #4 ration books. M. V. Higgs, 733 Gephart Drive. Phone 2423-J. 12-21-31-T

LOST—Lady's Bulova wrist watch with elastic gold bracelet. Reward if returned to Times. 12-22-11-T

LOST—Lady's black billfold in Maryland Theater. Return to Times Office or Phone 2529-J. Reward. 12-22-31-T

LOST—Lady's Helbro yellow gold wrist watch. Phone 1434-R. 12-22-31-T

39—Miscellaneous

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All types, Acetylene and Arc
Anything • anytime • anywhere
H. & S. Plumbing & Heating Co.
Authorized Dealers in
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BLOCK LAYING, cement work, W. A. McKinney, 148 Bedford St. Phone 3013-W, 3485. 1-28-43-T

"Sit Down" Strike At Celanese Is Still in Effect

Present Stoppage Is One of Twenty Halts since April, Small Says

Initial signs that the "sit down" strike of approximately 600 employees in Block 2 of the Coning department, Celanese Corporation of America plant, was nearing an end came last night when approximately forty operators started back to work, according to Fred T. Small, plant manager. The coning department of the plant has been out of production since 2 p. m., Monday.

There were no indications late last evening as to when the "sit down" strike of 600 odd employees in Block 2, Coning department, of the Celanese plant would end. The work stoppage, which Fred T. Small, plant manager, believes is "unauthorized by union officials" has already affected employment in other departments.

Small, in a statement late yesterday afternoon, said: "The coning department of the Celanese plant has been out of production since about 2 o'clock Monday, December 20, 1943, according to a statement made today by Fred T. Small, plant manager, which follows:

"The present stoppage in this department is one of the more than twenty stoppages of work in this plant since last April.

Company Keeps Terms

"The company is abiding by the terms of its agreement with the union and the directive order of the War Labor Board. In spite of the company's willingness to deal with grievances under the procedure set up in the contract, including arbitration, various groups of employees have chosen from time to time to use stoppage of work as a means of attempting to force changes in established methods of operation.

"The present stoppage, which does not involve any question of wages, is simply another one of these efforts to force settlement of grievances by this procedure rather than by orderly means. So far as we know the strike has not been authorized by union officers or by formal union action but the insurgent members are out of the control of the union.

"The coning department stoppage has already affected employment in other departments and if it continues, will force further furloughs of employees throughout the plant."

Union Leaders Silent

Neither Walter R. Walters, president of Local 1874, Textile Workers Union of America, nor John G. Thomas, business manager of the local union, would comment on the work stoppage and said only, "No comment," when questioned.

A union official who did not want to be quoted, said the workers in the coning department refused to work when their work-load was "increased beyond their capacity."

Several employees cited a variation in sizes in fibres used in preparation of bobbins as a source of the grievance. The workers were reported to have been accustomed to running long fibres through and during the past month that they have been given a much larger number of short fibres which require more work without a corresponding increase in pay.

It was indicated that the supply of bobbins was sufficient to keep other departments operating through Sunday even though work has already begun to be curtailed.

Virginian Is Held On Theft Charge

Mill in Rockingham County, Va., Was Entered November 14

Accused of breaking and entering the Rocco mill in Rockingham county, Va., and stealing a quantity of feed bags, William O. Curry, Jr., of Virginia, was arrested here at 3:30 a. m. yesterday by Lieut. James E. Van and Officer Edwin Liles.

The alleged theft occurred November 14, according to the warrant issued by J. C. Swartz, clerk of justice court in Rockingham county. Authorities are seeking another man in connection with the case. Virginia police have been notified of Curry's arrest and he will be returned to Rockingham county for trial.

Two youths arrested on a charge of unauthorized use of an automobile were released on their own recognitions at the state's attorney's office yesterday morning pending outcome of physical examinations for military service to be taken Jan. 4.

The youths, Ervin R. Emeric, Fairhope, Pa., and James L. Kennedy, Corriganville, were arrested by State Trooper Milton G. Hart on a charge of stealing the automobile of James Clarkson, Corriganville, Sunday night. The car was recovered.

State's Attorney Morgan C. Harris said Emeric and Kennedy have been released for service and added that if they pass their examinations the charges will be dropped.

Dates Set for Tax Review Hearings

County Officials Will Sit as Board of Review Two Days Each Month

Effective January 1, the first and third Tuesdays of each month were set yesterday by the board of county commissioners for tax review hearings in accordance with the newly enacted continuous assessment law which will begin to function at the first of the year.

Sitting as a board of review at their office in the court house here, the commissioners will consider the assessments recommended to them by the assessors appointed under the new law.

The sittings will be from 1:30 p. m. to 4 p. m. on the two days named. They will be exclusively for the purpose of hearing complaints, correcting errors, decreasing or increasing assessments and such general action upon assessments as may be brought to the board's attention by the supervisor of assessments, the assessors or the property owners.

It was revealed yesterday that the first district to be reassessed under the new system will be in the eastern part of the county, working westward from the Washington county line.

Terminal Lunch Room Is under New Management

Thomas H. Sheehee, of Indiana, Pa., Takes Over Local Establishment

Thomas H. Sheehee, who arrived here recently from Indiana, Pa., has taken over the management of the terminal lunch room at the corner of Frederick and North Mechanic streets in co-operation with the C. and W. and Blue Ridge bus lines.

Citing his new position as his first venture as a restaurateur, Sheehee who will be assisted by his son, Thomas Sheehee, Jr., stated that he intends to make several renovations in the establishment as well as extending its service to include town-people in addition to bus patrons.

Prior to coming to Cumberland, the new manager was a deputy collector for the department of internal revenue for about two and a half years. Before that, for a twenty-five year period, he was general manager of a chain of Industrial Stores owned by the New York Central Railroad Company. At one time he served as president of the National Industrial Stores Association.

Because of the extreme dry weather and high winds prevailing at the present time, Johnson urged residents of the county to use utmost caution in burning rubbish.

Recently, he added, high winds have not come up until about noon but then continue until evening. Water supplies are still low and dryness plus high winds aid fires in gaining headway rapidly.

Van Meter is sentenced to 60 days on charge of assaulting soldier. Grover C. Van Meter, 51, of the 200 Block, Henderson avenue, was sentenced to sixty days in the county jail on a charge of assaulting Pvt. Floyd M. Parker, 30, Oldtown, following a hearing before Magistrate Oliver H. Bruce, Jr., in trial magistrates court yesterday.

Van Meter was arrested on the night of December 11 by Officers James W. Brown, J. C. Stouffer and Arthur Kennel following an argument in the Mayflower beer parlor, Front street. Police said Van Meter attacked the soldier who suffered severe facial cuts when he was struck with a beer bottle. The soldier was a patient in Allegheny hospital for over a week.

Although he pleaded not guilty, Van Meter offered no defense at the hearing, asserting that he had been drinking that night and "didn't remember hitting anybody."

Pvt. Parker, officers asserted, is stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss. His leave expired at noon, December 11, twelve hours before the fight in the beer parlor.

St. Anthony's Church To Hold Midnight Mass On Christmas Eve. Solemn High Mass will be celebrated in St. Anthony's Catholic church, Ridgeley, W. Va., at midnight Christmas eve. It was announced last evening by the Rev. Robert Kilgannon, pastor.

The second Mass on Christmas day will be held at 9 a. m. The Rev. Father Luke, O. F. M., Cap. of St. Peter and Paul church, will say Mass at St. Charles church, Paw Paw, W. Va., on Christmas day at 9 a. m.

Sharp Will Make Investigations Here. John E. Sharp, 730 Gephardt drive, who was appointed labor relations representative of the Division of Labor of the War Production Board, arrived here late Monday evening. Sharp has been assigned to investigate labor relations in the Cumberland and Hagerstown area.

Scout Instruction Swim Classes Resumed at "Y". Boy Scout instruction swim classes have been resumed at the Central Y. M. C. A. Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7 o'clock. The instructor is Donald Borchers, scoutmaster of Troop No. 19.

These swim classes are for scouts who wish to pass their first class swimming requirement for swimming or life saving merit badges. William Armbruster and Walter Patz, of Cumberland, and James Clise and Donald DeVore, of Westport, are assisting Borchers.

Two Births Reported. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Caato, 6 Roberts street, announce the birth of a son yesterday afternoon in Memorial hospital. A daughter, Jane Arver, was born to Mr. and Mrs. John E. Geare, Tenafly, N. J., yesterday morning. Mr. Geare is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril B. Geare, 321 Payette street.

Second Narrows Fire Is Brought Under Control

Forester Urges Caution in Burning Brush; Other Blazes Break Out

Fire that broke out again yesterday afternoon on Wills mountain in the Narrows was controlled at 6 p. m. William J. Johnson, district forester, said last night.

There was little damage from the fire that broke out in the same area that was burned over Monday. Johnson said, inasmuch as there is no timber of any value on the land. The fire yesterday was "mostly smoke," Johnson added, although forest wardens burned out a part of the area last evening to make it safe and prevent another outbreak today.

Area Patrolled

Forest wardens patrolled the area all morning yesterday but high winds whipped smoldering embers from Monday's fire until the flames broke out again about 1 p. m.

Baltimore pike firemen hastened to the scene, according to Johnson, but were unable to use water from the creek because of heavy train traffic.

Cause of the fire Monday was traced to either cinders or hot coals from passing locomotives Johnson explained.

There were two other fires in the Cumberland area yesterday with flames burning over between sixty and seventy acres on Fort Hill at Rawlings. This fire also was blamed on the railroads and Johnson said it started between 2:30 and 3 p. m. and was controlled by 7 p. m.

About two acres of scrub land was burned over at Bowling Green. Cresaptown firemen went to the scene and helped bring the flames under control by 3 p. m. The fire broke out about 12:45 p. m.

Washington County Fire

Johnson said last night he was waiting for a report on a forest fire that broke out yesterday on the property of the Woodmont Rod and Gun Club in Washington county.

Because of the extreme dry weather and high winds prevailing at the present time, Johnson urged residents of the county to use utmost caution in burning rubbish.

Recently, he added, high winds have not come up until about noon but then continue until evening. Water supplies are still low and dryness plus high winds aid fires in gaining headway rapidly.

Van Meter Is Sentenced To 60 Days on Charge Of Assaulting Soldier

Grover C. Van Meter, 51, of the 200 Block, Henderson avenue, was sentenced to sixty days in the county jail on a charge of assaulting Pvt. Floyd M. Parker, 30, Oldtown, following a hearing before Magistrate Oliver H. Bruce, Jr., in trial magistrates court yesterday.

Van Meter was arrested on the night of December 11 by Officers James W. Brown, J. C. Stouffer and Arthur Kennel following an argument in the Mayflower beer parlor, Front street. Police said Van Meter attacked the soldier who suffered severe facial cuts when he was struck with a beer bottle. The soldier was a patient in Allegheny hospital for over a week.

Although he pleaded not guilty, Van Meter offered no defense at the hearing, asserting that he had been drinking that night and "didn't remember hitting anybody."

Pvt. Parker, officers asserted, is stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss. His leave expired at noon, December 11, twelve hours before the fight in the beer parlor.

St. Anthony's Church To Hold Midnight Mass On Christmas Eve

Solemn High Mass will be celebrated in St. Anthony's Catholic church, Ridgeley, W. Va., at midnight Christmas eve. It was announced last evening by the Rev. Robert Kilgannon, pastor.

The second Mass on Christmas day will be held at 9 a. m. The Rev. Father Luke, O. F. M., Cap. of St. Peter and Paul church, will say Mass at St. Charles church, Paw Paw, W. Va., on Christmas day at 9 a. m.

Sharp Will Make Investigations Here. John E. Sharp, 730 Gephardt drive, who was appointed labor relations representative of the Division of Labor of the War Production Board, arrived here late Monday evening. Sharp has been assigned to investigate labor relations in the Cumberland and Hagerstown area.

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Local Sailor Looks On Submarine Attacks as Daily Occurrences

Yeoman C. R. Dickerhoof Tells about Three-months Mine-laying "Tour"

Just an everyday occurrence is the description given to submarine attacks in the Atlantic and Mediterranean areas by Yeoman Third Class Charles C. Dickerhoof, 1217 Frederick street after a three-months mine-laying "tour" in the Eastern war theater.

Home on convalescent leave to recover from a neck injury received after his return to this country, the local sailor leaves today to fulfill his promise to a fellow crewman so that the latter may get home for Christmas.

Yeoman Dickerhoof's short jaunt on a mine-laying began in July after a twenty-three day crossing from this country and October found him back in the United States aboard a "wounded" but distinguished vessel.

"All we did was lay mines in the Sicilian waters to keep enemy submarines from destroying our ships after they were in the harbors," the young sailor said.

But so well was the job done, that the entire crew and commanding officers of the mine-layer, which was a flagship, received citations for outstanding achievement in their line of duty.

Laid Mines at Gela, Sicily. Although Gibraltar, Oran, Bizerte and Mers-El Kabir were all on Yeoman Dickerhoof's itinerary, his most active session was at the port of Gela in Sicily, where his ship laid mines under three consecutive nights of bombing by the Nazi defenders on the island.

Another "hot" time came on the day his vessel deposited its high-powered eggs at the same time the Germans broke through at Gela, brought their tanks down on the beaches and shelled allied ships in that area.

Yeoman Dickerhoof said his ship came through all these battles unscathed, only to have a violent storm wind toss it into another allied vessel at Oran at the beginning of the trip home.

But with a hole in its hull and several of its guns out of commission, it made the return trip with no mishaps other than those "everyday occurrences," and will be heading for the high seas again in the near future.

One of the most interesting things he recalled about the trip home was the small convoy tug which pulled a full-size destroyer all the way across the Atlantic.

Saw Surrender of Italian Fleet. Another significant recollection Yeoman Dickerhoof carries with him is that of the surrender of the Italian fleet near Malta. The sight of seven submarines appearing on all sides of his ship was quite a formidable sight, he said, until it was revealed that they were surrendering.

That he, with the rest of the crew, was still very much Mediterranean minded even after arriving in a home port was proved by the local sailor's version of the recent Norfolk explosion.

His ship had arrived at a port in that area just before the explosion occurred and when the first blasts were heard, he said, the entire crew was up, at battle stations and had guns manned for immediate action before they realized that they were home.

Yeoman Dickerhoof, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Dickerhoof and husband of the former Miss Marcelle Flanagan, of Mt. Savage, entered the naval service in January, 1941, and was stationed in Washington, D. C., and Cleveland, Ohio, before being assigned to a ship.

He has one brother, Staff Sgt. Dale Dickerhoof, who is stationed with the air corps at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Eckhart Man Held On Draft Charge. Charles Given Martin, 32, Eckhart, was indicted yesterday in Baltimore by a federal grand jury on a charge of failing to report to Local Board No. 4, Frostburg, for induction into the armed forces November 16.

Martin claimed draft exemption because he is a part-time minister of a religious sect. Authorities said he is a member of Jehovah's Witnesses. The case was presented by Charles Mindel, government prosecutor.

An agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and United States Deputy Marshal Howard P. Loughrie arrested Martin November 26 at the Union Mining Company where he is employed.

He was arraigned before United States Commissioner Wilbur V. Wilson on November 26 and after waiving a hearing was held for action of the federal grand jury under bond of \$1,000. Bond was furnished.

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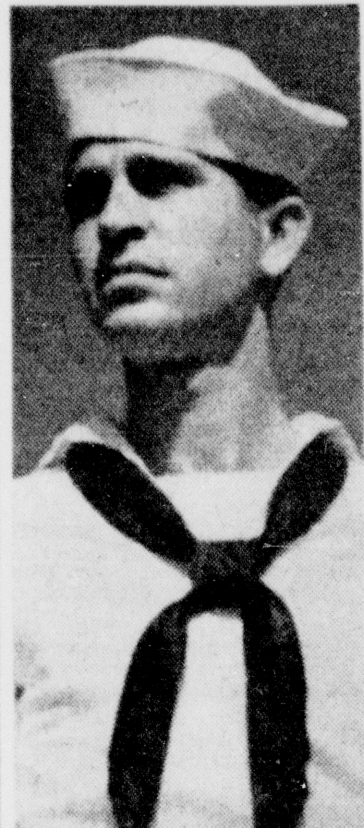
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FLAGSHIPMAN. — Yeoman Third Class Charles C. Dickerhoof, 1217 Frederick street, returns today to his ship which recently completed a busy three months of mine-laying in the Mediterranean area. This picture was taken on the Mediterranean sea by one of Yeoman Dickerhoof's fellow crew members, who committed suicide just a few days before the ship reached a home port.

VFW Recognizes Faithful Service Of Two Officers

\$50 War Bonds Are Presented to Everstine and Whalley

Two officers of Henry Hart Post No. 1411, Veterans of Foreign Wars were presented with \$50 war bonds in appreciation of their faithful service at the regular meeting of the post last evening.

Those honored on the occasion were Roy F. Everstine, quartermaster, and Thomas K. Whalley, adjutant.

Presentation of the bonds was made in behalf of the officers and members of the post by James E. Stemple, post commander.

Will Spread Yule Cheer

The post's relief committee announced that arrangements have been made to take care of a certain number of destitute families during the Yuletide season. Inquiries have been made into their needs and orders have been prepared whereby they will receive food commodities, clothing and shoes.

Adjutant Whalley read numerous letters from men overseas who have joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars and who expressed their appreciation to the local post for having sent membership cards to them for the coming year.

A report of the membership committee indicated that total memberships at the present time are far above the figures recorded on the same date one year ago.

Ball Will Be Held

Announcement was made that the post will sponsor a New Year's eve ball at the home, open to post members, members of the auxiliary and guest members.

50 Per Cent of Yule Seal Recipients Fail To Reply, Edwards Says

Fifty per cent of the 10,000 persons who were mailed Christmas seals in Allegheny county have neglected to reply, William J. Edwards, county Christmas Seal chairman, announced yesterday.

"There are still 5,000 outstanding Yule Seal letters and I am hopeful that persons will make a reply as quickly as possible as we are anxious to windup the campaign this month," Edwards declared.

Highlighting the Christmas Seal Sale this week will be two fifteen-minute musical programs which will be broadcast over Radio Station WTBO. The first broadcast is scheduled for tomorrow from 5:15 to 5:30 p. m. and the second on Friday from 11:15 to 11:30 a. m.

Driver Pays Fine

Francis William Kafer, Cresaptown, pleaded guilty to a charge of reckless driving at a hearing before Magistrate Frank A. Perdue in trial magistrates court and was fined \$5. Trooper Charles D. McLane, who arrested Kafer Sunday evening on McCullen highway near the Celanese plant, said he was driving at high speed and was weaving over the road.

Volunteers in Navy

One local naval volunteer was shipped to Baltimore for physical examination yesterday and one man was given a rating and held to await assignment.

Ralph Joseph Lybarger, Route 1, this city, was shipped to Baltimore, and Joseph C. Stuckey, Corriganville, received a rating as a shipfitter, third class, rigger mechanic.

Sixteen Qualify For Scout Awards In Monthly Test

Representatives of Six Troops Pass Board Examinations Here

An assistant scoutmaster and fifteen scouts representing six troops qualified for awards at the regular monthly board of review of Cumberland district Boy Scouts of America, last evening at scout headquarters.

Awards will be presented at a court of honor the date of which will be announced later.

Qualifiers include:

Second Class — William Lester, John Simpson and Donald Walters, Troop No. 1, St. Luke's Lutheran church; Allan Hosier, Thomas Millar, Donald McKinney, Paul Holler, William Hardesty and Ronald Henry, of Troop No. 9, Cresaptown; Victor Grove, of Troop No. 13, First Presbyterian church.

First Class — Fred Puderbaugh, Troop No. 6, SS. Peter and Paul church; Charles Piper, Troop No. 13.

Star Scout — Leo McKenzie, Troop No. 8, and Joseph Dorsey, Troop No. 6, St. Mary's church.

Merit Badges — Walter Patz, assistant scoutmaster of Troop No. 4, Centre Street Methodist church, photography and camping; Leo McKenzie, Troop No. 6, first aid and pathfinding; Thomas Shuck, Troop No. 6, carpentry, first aid and pathfinding; Charles Piper, Troop No. 13, first aid and pathfinding.

Clarence W. Yergan, chairman of the board, was assisted by Charles E. Nield and Walter Patz. The board will hold its next meeting January 25.

Bill for Separate Maintenance Is Filed By Beulah L. Pickard

A bill for separate maintenance was filed in circuit court yesterday by Beulah Lee Pickard against William Pickard.

The bill stated that they were married in August, 1927, and lived together until July, 1941, when Mrs. Pickard filed suit for partial divorce on a charge of cruelty. Afterwards, the bill continues, they became reconciled but the defendant failed to carry out his promises to treat his wife with kindness and respect.

Mrs. Pickard also charges her husband with desertion and neglect. She asks that the court compel him to pay both temporary and permanent alimony, in addition to counsel fees.

A court order, signed by Associate Judge William A. Huster, directed the defendant to pay \$40 counsel fees and \$50 monthly alimony pending final settlement of the suit. Estel C. Kelley is attorney for the plaintiff.

Christmas Mailing Rush Drawing to a Close

So far as outgoing mail is concerned, the Christmas mailing rush is about over, postal officials announced yesterday. Outgoing mail is practically normal and although incoming mail is still heavy postal employees are having no difficulty in working it up in time for almost normal delivery.

Extra delivery help will probably be on duty until Friday, but officials expected to be able to resume lease half of the extra inside help.

Except for the addition of the Salvation Army wrapping service desk and one extra clerk sorting letters, the post office lobby was no busier yesterday than on any Tuesday.

Winter To Arrive Today, Shortest Day of Year

Today will be the shortest day of the year and tonight will be the longest so the chances of oversleeping tomorrow morning are better than at any other time of the year.

Winter officially comes to the Northern hemisphere at 1:30 p. m. (EWT) today, when the sun passes the winter solstitial point, or the point in the celestial sphere at which it is farthest from the equator. Then it appears to rise to the same height at noon for several days before it resumes its direction. The summer solstice is reached on June 22.

27 Appointments Made For Chest Clinic Here

Twenty-seven appointments have been made for the twelfth and final chest clinic of the year to be held tomorrow from 8 a. m. to 2 p. m. in the basement of the city hall.

Dr. Isadore Lyon, of Baltimore, will be the clinician. Assisting will be public health nurses connected with the health department.

Real Estate Transfers

Two deeds were filed for record in circuit court yesterday. The following real estate transfers were executed:

Harry Footer to William R. Haese and Dorothy V. Haese, parts of lots 33 and 34 of block 40 in Potomac Park Addition, for about \$3,900.

Mary C. McNamee to Walter J. Martin and Helen N. Martin, property in Mt. Savage, for about \$4,500.

Pvt. Leroy Chase's Services Are Held

Fort Cumberland Post, American Legion, Accords Military Honors

Funeral services for Pvt. Leroy W. Chase, 24, killed last Thursday in a train wreck in North Carolina, were held yesterday afternoon. Interment was in Hillcrest burial park.

Brief services were held at the home of his mother, Mrs. Annie E. Chase, 130 Oak street, at 2 p. m. with further services in St. John's Lutheran church at 2:30 o'clock. The Rev. Edward P. Heinze officiated.

Military honors were accorded at the grave by Fort Cumberland Post, No. 13, American Legion. Lester Barnes and W. H. Shimonek were the color bearers and F. Earle Brode and L. W. Underdonk formed the color guard. Harry H. Barley sounded taps.

Palbearers were Chester Collins, Jay Catlett, Chester Watson, Jack Bland, Robert Shaffer, Lester Files, Charles Poling and Victor Hebb.

ISAAC RUDDLE DIES

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Spier Cook have been summoned to Franklin, W. Va., by the death of Mrs. Cook's father, Isaac N. Ruddle, 85, a retired farmer.

Mr. Ruddle, the father of eight children, died late Monday afternoon after a lingering illness. Mrs. Robert Jones, Frostburg, is a granddaughter.

GEORGE P. WAYS RITES

Funeral services for George Philip Ways, 404 Fayette street, were held yesterday morning in St. Patrick's Catholic church with the Rev. Francis J. McKeown celebrating the requiem mass. Interment was in SS. Peter and Paul cemetery.

Palbearers were Somerville Nicholson, W. Arnold Gunther, F. A. Myers, John J. Treiber, Jr., Daniel D. Willard and John T. Creagan.

ORVILLE ISNER

Orville Isner, 38, Baltimore, died at his home Monday. The body was taken to Elkins, W. Va., where services will be held today.

Surviving are his father, Wade T. Isner, Baltimore; his widow and five children, Baltimore; five brothers, Elmer Isner, Cumberland; Howard E. and Jesse Isner, Frankfort, Ky.; Clyde Isner, Elkins; Harvey Isner, Baltimore; and two sisters, Mrs. Lillian Crowe, Frostburg; and Miss Merle Isner, Baltimore.

MRS. JENNIE BRENNAN

Mrs. Jennie A. Clark Brennan, 88, widow of John F. Brennan, and mother of Assistant Fire Chief John E. Brennan, 107 Polk street, died Monday night at the home of a daughter, Mrs. John Haas, Philadelphia, with whom she had been residing.

Mrs. Brennan, who resided with her son here for several years, was nearing her eighty-ninth birthday. Besides her son and daughter she is survived by one brother, John Clark, Cumberland; and two sisters, Mrs. Thomas Niland, Cumberland; and Mrs